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PM in Paris: Rioting was not spontaneous

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A SENIOR Israeli official yesterday accused elements within the Palestinian Authority of organizing the confrontations between Palestinians and IDF forces in the West Bank.

The official said it was an organized attempt to create diplomatic pressure on the Israeli govern-

Minister Binyamin Netanyahu said in Paris that it was clear that the rioting in response to the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel "was not spontaneous activity," but refused to directly accuse the Palestinian Authority or its chairman, Yasser Arafat, of being behind the violence.

Netanyahu phoned Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and asked him to convince Arafat to calm the situation, and Mubarak promised to do so. The two agreed to meet in the coming days to discuss the regional and bilateral ten-

Netanyahu said he regretted the events that occurred in the West Bank and called on Palestinian leaders and other leaders in the Arab world to belp calm down the

"I regret these unnecessary events that will not help advance the peace process; there is no factual justification [for the riots] and no basis to the accusations, according to which we are digging tunnels under the Temple Mount, Netanyahu said.

The premier stressed that he did not believe the intifada was start-

'It's an attempt to put pressure on the new Israeli government, and to use the tunnel affair as an against Israel," Netanyahu said. According to the senior Israeli official, Israel is going through an Arab "testing period."

"The Arabs are trying to put psychological pressures on us in Lebanon and in the territories, without any connection to the progress in the negotiations. The Palestinians are facing a new situation in which, for the first time, they have to negotiate with us and not get things even before asking for them. They have to choose between adapting themselves to this situation or trying to modify it through pressures," the official

There is concern both about further confrontation today in different parts of the West Bank as funerals for the four Palestinians killed are held, as well as the character of Moslem prayer services at the Temple Mount tomorrow.

After meeting with French President Jacques Chirac in Paris, Netanyahu said the Israeli government has no intention of harming any Moslem or Christian holy site in Jerusalem, and that the Arab leaders know this very well.

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Lipkin-Shahak and Minister Yitzhak

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Yeltsin surgery approved but delayed

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Russian President Boris Yeltsin was given the go-ahead for heart surgery yesterday and doctors said they were supremely confident the operation would be successful after another six to 10 weeks of preparation.

Leading cardiologist Renat Akchurin, expected to head the team that will carry out the operation, told a news conference that the delay was needed to minimize

"If we operate now, I would say the chance is about 80 percent, but we hope that in six weeks the per-centage would be close to 100,"

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Palestinians carry a wounded protester to a stretcher during rioting yesterday in Ramallah.

A high price for a 'hole in a wall'

YESTERDAY'S traumatic shootout in Ramallah was a high price to pay for knocking a hole in a wall. But the problem goes deeper - to the failure of the government to make a partner of the Palestinian Authority during its three months in office.

Unlike the intifada, which began by spontaneous combustion, the sources of yesterday's events were clearly identifiable. Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat failed to ignite a riot on the Temple Mount a few weeks ago,

IN response to a direct request by

US President Bill Clinton earlier this

month during their White House meeting, Prime Minister Binyamin

Netanyahu agreed to phone a lead-

ing congressman and urge him to

release \$10 million in US aid to the

Palestinian Authority being withheld

since last November, The Jerusalem

Post has learned from Israeli gov-

Netanyahu has yet to phone Rep. Benjamin Gillman, chairman of the

House International Relations

Committee, who suspended funds

until PA Chairman Yasser Arafat

discloses hidden PLO assets. The

reason for the delay is unclear, but

some believe it is technical and

Netznyahu will soon make the call,

thereby keeping his word to

In the meantime, Ambassador to the US Eliahu Ben-Elissar is

reportedly still making public statements justifying Gillman's

emment sources.

Morocco and even Jordan.

DAVID MAKOVSKY

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The incident was thus a public relations failure of the first order great importance to explaining

but saw a new opportunity and

exploited it to the hilt. This time

he won not only a more toothsome

image among Palestinians, but did

request

Netanyahu's acquiescence have

been kept quiet, apparently to

avoid creating the public impres-

sion that the prime minister

believes the PA is complying with

The Netanyahu government has signaled to Washington not to block US aid to the PA for the upcoming

fiscal year. The aid consists of an estimated \$65 million in grants for

infrastructure projects and \$10 mil-

lion to help the PA cover its recur-

rent costs. This marks a change for

Netanyahu, who while in opposition asked members of Congress

Gillman was particularly upset

that Arafat did not comply with an

effort by the congressional auditing

arm, the General Accounting

Office, which during the summer

of 1995 wrote a report on PLO

so with the backing of Egypt,

Long after the reason for yesterday's violence is forgotten the results will be remembered. Arafat won himself the right to

another meeting with Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, who said during his election campaign that he would meet him "when Israel's security demanded it," thus leaving to Arafat the timing of such meetings.

an issue of the Hasmonean Tunnel because the government has spoken so loudly about settlements, security and Palestinian Oslo Accord violations, while moving nowhere fast on vacating Hebron

Second, the Palestinians made

very clear that they had to make

and even lifting the closure. "The crisis is escalating, fueled by the Israelis' meeting [us] and not doing anything, not implementing anything," said Planning

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Over 240 Arabs, 12 soldiers wounded in Ramallah, Bethlehem riots

JON IMMANUEL and ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

THOUSANDS of Palestinians vented their rage over the opening of the Hasmonean Tunnel yesterday, clashing with IDF soldiers and Palestinian police in riots that culminated in a deadly shoot-out between soldiers and Palestinian policemen. Three Palestinian policemen and a 15-year-old boy were reported killed in Ramallah.

The violence centered around the army's southern Ramallah checkpoint, but rioting also occurred in Hebron, Bethlehem, Gaza and in eastern Jerusalem (Story, Page 2).

More than 240 Palestinians and seven IDF soldiers were wounded in the Ramallah clashes. Later in the day, two Israeli soldiers were hurt when 500 Palestinians stormed troops guarding Rachel's Tomb, in Bethlehem, hurling firebombs and burning down trees and wooden road dividers. And late last night, five more soldiers were wounded by gunfire in Bethlehem.

Also last night, rocks were thrown at Israeli cars on the new tunnel road between Jerusalem and Gush Etzion, forcing police to close the road.

"It has not been an easy day. A lot of [red] lines were crossed," said OC Central Command Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan. "We are doing our utmost to restore calm to the

In Ramallah, armed and uniformed Palestinians fired at IDF soldiers, egged on by crowds of youths cheering and throwing

The fatal clash began when over

1,500 Palestinians protesters marched on the IDF roadblock south of Ramallah that was manned by only four soldiers. The Palestinians hurled stones and bottles at the soldiers, who responded by firing rubber bullets, tear gas and warning shots

into the air. The army rushed reinforcements to the scene, and as they were suppressing the rioters, an unknown gunman opened fire at the soldiers. Some witnesses said the shots came from an abandoned building and that the gunman emptied a full ammunition clip at the soldiers. But senior IDF officers say the shooting may

have started from the mob itself. The soldiers then returned fire toward the building and the ensuing gun battle reportedly lasted for over an hour, with Palestinian policemen unleashing prolonged bursts of automatic fire at the soldiers, who were firing from behind boulders on the hillside.

In one filmed sequence, two Palestinians in camouflage uniform fired at IDF soldiers from behind rocks. One changed gun clips and fired again. In another, an Israeli soldier was seen wounded by gunfire, while other soldiers

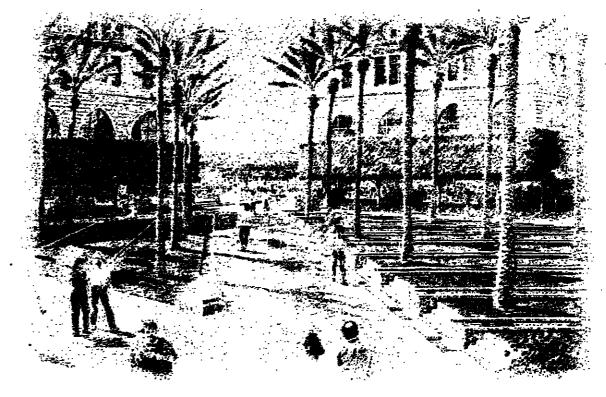
treated his wounds and fired back. Later, armed Palestinian policemen in green uniforms and red berets appeared to be trying to disperse demonstrators.

A Ramallah police spokesman, Col. Abu Salah, said the Israelis started the shooting and denied

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Israel to allow foreign venture capital funds to operate tax-free **DAVID HARRIS**

FOREIGN venture capital funds,

exempt from tax in their home countries, will be allowed to invest on the same terms in Israel. Finance Minister Dan Meridor

amnounced yesterday.

This measure will only apply when funds invest in Israeli research and development companies, added Meridor, who is currently in the US.

This is the latest attempt by the government to encourage foreign investment, particularly in R&D programs. It is hoped the move will be an incentive for large US funds to look to Israel as a reliable place for investments.

A permanent office will be opened in Israel to process

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inquiries about venture capital, said Meridor, during a meeting with fund, investment house and real estate managers in New York, according to his spokesman.

Speaking to a gathering of young Wall Street employees, Meridor reaffirmed his commitment to the Brodet Committee's recommendations on structural reforms in the capital markets, which have been criticized by the Prime Minister's Office and Bank

of Israel Governor Jacob Frenkel. Elected politicians must work with professional civil servants, Meridor told his audience. He called on his Knesset colleagues to accept Brodet's proposals, which would encourage long-term savings.



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Police clash with Palestinians in capital, more demonstrations planned for today

Two reported lightly injured in yesterday's protest

PALESTINIAN leaders in Jerusalem plan to again defy a police ban on protests and hold a massive demonstration in the Old City today, near the con-troversial new exit to the Hasmonean turnel on the Via Dolorosa.

Jerusalem's Moslem and Palestinian Authority leaders decided to continue the protests, after clashes yesterday between Palestinian residents and police in and around the Old City.

"If Israel won't close the tunnel, we will have to close it ourselves," said Abed Abu Diyab, a senior PLO activist in Jerusalem. "We will continue our

protests until we achieve our aim." Palestinian sources said PA Religious Affairs Minister Hassan Tahboub and Jerusalem Mufti Akram Sabri were hit in the head with bottles and lightly injured during the disturbances. No

other injuries were reported.

Jerusalem Police chief Arye Amit who on Tuesday was confident the unrest sparked by the opening of the tunnel would end "in a few days" - yesterday said he was unable to say how long the disturbances would continue. Amit ordered a ban on all marches and other protests in eastern Jerusalem,

on the grounds that "experience shows that if they are allowed they lead to

The Old City and nearby areas of eastern Jerusalem were swarming with police yesterday in order to prevent

Mounted policemen and baton-wielding border policemen broke up a march led by Moslem leaders from al-Aksa Mosque when the crowd of several hundred protesters reached Sultan Suleiman Street, just outside the Old City.
"In blood, and fire, we will free al-Aksa," the marchers chanted.

Palestinian youths threw bottles and rocks at policemen as they broke up the march, which was slated to continue to the Damascus Gate and to a large rally that was banned by Amit.

Police and protesters played a cat and mouse in the Old City and Sultan Suleiman for over an hour, with the demonstrations eventually petering out. No arrests were reported. A police

spokesman said rubber bullets were used to break up one protest, but there vere no injuries.

"All we wanted to do was hold a eaceful demonstration, and look what they have done to us," said PA Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi, one of the march leaders.

He was joined by the mufti, senior Wakf officials, and several PA council members from Jerusalem.

Wakf officials released a statement categorically denying government claims that a deal was made under which Moslem worshipers

allowed to pray at the ancient site of Solomon's stables, adjoining al-Aksa, starting earlier this year, in return for the Wakf looking the other way when the government opened the exit to the

Knesset Meanwhile, Committee chairman Salah Tarif is set to visit the tunnel today, accompanied by PA council members from Jerusalem, according to a spokes-woman for Tarif. Tarif recently visited Orient House, the PLO headquarters in Jerusalem, enraging several committee supre for t



Palestinian demonstrators, led by Palestinian officials including councilwoman Hanan Ashrawi (center), scuffle with police near the

Bonn says support for Israel hinges on peace moves

BONN (Reuter) - Germany said yesterday, a day before a visit by Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu, that its support for Israel depended on continued efforts to push ahead with the peace process.

Bonn is normally at pains to stress its good relations with Israel but the remarks by Helmut Schaefer, state secretary in the Foreign Ministry, were the strongest sign yet of its concern over the way the peace process has stalled under Netanyahu.

Schaefer told German Radio that Netanyahu's policy statements had taken on "a different quality from what we have supported for several years."

"If promises made to the extreme right in Israel are really implemented, we will have to ask if such policies can still be supported...we can't just say that, whoever rules in Israel, we'll just close our eyes and give our sup-

Schaefer said it was in German interests to try to ensure "that everything that has painstakingly been achieved in the last few years is not sacrificed by people who suddenly come to power and have different political views...

"It will have to be made clear to the Israeli premier that to continue the peace process you must honor treaties signed by the previous government," he said, citing commitments to pull soldiers out of Hebron and discuss the status of east Jerusalem.

Netanyahu's program today includes talks with Chancellor Helmut Kohl as well as a meeting with Jewish leaders and a wreath-laying at the former Nazi concentration camp at Bergen-

Schaefer's comments went far beyond the statements of Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel after he met Foreign Minister David Levy in Bonn two weeks ago. Kinkel also met Palestinian Chairman Yasser Arafat last

Kinkel had said there was no question of German economic aid to the region being suspended to put pressure on Israel or the Palestinians to advance the peace

But Schaefer suggested this might change if Germany had the impression that Israel was not serious about the peace process.

"We have some influence inasmuch as we give money and are prepared, if the peace process is continued, to provide large sums on a long-term basis to help develop the region...

"We have made commitments but that assumes that the peace process is pushed forward and doesn't suddenly receive a setback," Schaefer said.

Tunnel to be open to visitors during Succot

THE Hasmonean Tunnel is to open to visitors during Succot and work on the passageway is from the Palestinians and Moslems abroad, Deputy Religious Affairs Ministers Arye Gamliel and Yigal Bibi said yesterday following a visit to the

"The police are going to pro-vide full protection," said Religious Affairs Ministry spokesman Yair Wolf, when asked about the possibility that plans for mass Succot gatherings might have to be aborted in the light of tension in the Old City over the opening of a northern exit to the tunnel.

The two deputy ministers said the government intends to proHAIM SHAPIRO

the Western Wall Plaza and the tunnel. "The Western Wall is Israel's biggest tourist attraction. It is bigger than anything belonging to the Antiquities [Authority] or to the National Parks [Authority]," Wolf said.

Wolf said that during the holi-

day, the ministry expects about half a million visitors at the Western Wall.

However, he added, the tunnel can only accommodate some 1,200 visitors a day. At this point, he said, there will be no fee for entry to tunnel, which is to be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. He said the ministry would try to arrange crowd control.
"We want to remind people

that the tunnel will also be open after the holiday," he said. Although crowds are expected throughout the holiday week, he

said, the biggest numbers are expected on Monday for the traditional priestly blessing, followed by the reception of the chief rabbis and the deputy religious affairs ministers.

Meanwhile, Tourism Ministry Director-General Shabi Shai told a group of tourism industry leaders vesterday that the ministry had been planning to conduct a major public relations campaign to counter the present slump in tourism, but it would probably cancel such plans.

He was speaking at the pre-miere of a new multi-screen video presentation promoting

PA asks Security Council to meet; King Hussein slams **Hasmonean Tunnel**

THE Palestinian Authority called on the UN Security Council to discuss the violence touched off by the building of a new exit to

Jerusalem's Old City. in a letter sent Tuesday to the Security Council, Palestinian UN observer Dr. Nasser Kidwa said the turnel's new exit onto Via Dolorosa was "aimed at the Judaization of the city."

"In this regard, and given the extremely important religious and spiritual nature of the issue, we call upon the Security Council to take the necessary steps to address this issue and to have the Israeli action reversed," Kidwa said in the letter, made public yes-

There was no indication whether the council would agree to formal consultations on the issue. Palestinians clashed with police in Jerusalem after workmen opened the new exit to the tunnel, which is located near the Western Wall.

The Arab League is to meet in Cairo today to discuss the issue,

at the Palestinians' request. The one-day session will be held at the level of permanent representatives - the ambassadors of the 22 member states - a league spokesman said yesterday.

Jordan's King Hussein yester day denounced the action, calling it an infringement of the rights of all Arabs and Moslems.

He called for an international committee to discuss the possible repercussions of the Israeli action, the Gulf News Agency

reported. A Jordanian government statement, carried by the state's Petra news agency, condemned the building of the new exit "which undermines the structure of al-Aksa mosque, changes the features of the holy city and harms the feelings of Arabs and

Moslems." Jordan called on Israel to stick to international agreements and urged Arab and Islamic states to work to "preserve the holy city and not to harm al-Aksa

In the strongly worded statement, Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan warned Israeli authorities against disregarding Moslems' attachment to Jerusalem.

"Jordan will persist in exerting efforts to spotlight this new political crisis in the life of the holy city," said Hassan, who, a palace spokesman said, has postponed a planned visit to Jerusalem early next month due to "overburdened schedules."

In London, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's spokesman Shai Bazak said Hassan called Netanyahu yesterday seeking an explanation.

The prime minister made it clear to him that the tunnel does not go under the Temple Mount. It won't collapse the Temple Mount. It is an incredible historic project," Bazak said.

Bazak said Netanyahu told Hassan the tunnel would benefit all residents of the Old City, Moslems and Jews alike, and Hassan responded that Israel should make this known.

Peres blames Netanyahu government for riots **SARAH HONIG**

ISRAEL is "now at a bad precipice, facing a very dangerous situation," Labor Party leader Shimon Peres told television interviewers last night.

In a long commentary on the riots over the Hasmonean Tunnel, Peres placed the blame on the Netanyahu government and warned that Israel's relations with Egypt and Jordan are deteriorating dangerously and the day is not far off when this will be the case with Europe too.

We are already feeling this in the econo-

Peres went on to contrast this with the tenure of the Labor government and said that "the last four years were the best in all of Jewish history - so why stop this?"

Peres rejected Netanyahu's argument that

it was the Peres government which had decided on the opening of the tunnel and that the same riots would have resulted had Peres been the one to give the go-shead. "I am not sure that is the case," Peres said.

"I would have tried to talk with the

Palestinians before making any sensitive "Perhaps if we allowed them to pray at Solomon's Stables, they would not have

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Mordechai spoke with Arafat yes-

terday in an effort to calm the sit-

Shahak, OC Central Command

Maj.-Gen. Uzi Dayan and OC

Judea and Samaria Maj.-Gen.

Gabi Ophir met with Maj.-Gen.

Haj Ismail Jabr, head of the

Palestinian Police in Jericho, and

Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the

Preventive Security Service in

Jericho. During the meeting,

Shahak spoke to Arafat and it was

agreed to work to calm the ten-

opposed the opening of the tunnel. A dialogue is preferable to an exchange of fire. What is Israel's interest here? That such awful pictures be shown around the world?" Peres asked.

"Such pictures were preventable. I fear for the unity of Jerusalem," he continued. The Netanyahu government, he said, provided the "pretext for the violence. Pretexts should not be provided. What is the good of

giving them pretexts?" Peres also said that those in the Likud who spoke of "peace for peace, now realize that there is no peace for no peace."

He charged that Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu had "made no progress in the peace process. The fact that one time in three months he met with Arafat is progress? ... The agreement with the Palestinians is good, but it must be imple-

There are no holy sites in the Arab city called Hebron. The holy sites are in our hands." Peres rejected the notion that in speaking of a great national emergency he is laying the groundwork for an attempt to form a national unity government. He angrily called this "speculation and gossip."

sions and examine vesterday's

Mordechai also had a 10-minute

phone conversation with Arafat

and told him both sides were

responsible for calming the situa-

tion. Mordechai later convened

senior security officials and top

Arafat promised diplomats last

night that he would call for restraint among his top comman-ders and avoid further bloodshed

on the assumption that Israel

would do the same, officials said.

IDF brass to discuss riots.

Levy: Hostilities won't pressure Israel to change its policies

MARILYN HENRY **NEW YORK**

THE hostilities in Ramallah will not pressure Israel to retreat from its positions, Foreign Minister David Levy said yesterday at the UN.

"There are those who believe that through pressuring Israel that will lead Israel to go back from its positions," Levy said. There is no room for such threats toward Israel."

Levy arrived in New York yesterday for a weeklong visit, including an address to the 51st session of the UN General Assembly next Thursday. Yesterday he signed the nuclear test-ban treaty, which must be ratified by the Knesset. "When we get down to ratifying the treaty we will also take into consideration the attitude of other countries

in the area," he told reporters. Levy said Israel was "talking with all those concerned" about the disturbances in Ramallah. "At this moment, we are all making considerable efforts to calm the situa-

cial said.

uation in the territories, with the

aim of quickly restarting Israeli-

Ross also called Netanyahu's

adviser Dore Gold in Europe.

Secretary of State Warren

Christopher, in New York for the

opening UN session, "is involved," too, a senior US offi-

The official said the administra-

tion is still ascertaining the facts

of yesterday's fighting in

Palestinian negotiations.

PARIS

Arafat also had phone conversa-

tions last night with US special

Middle East Peace Coordinator

Dennis Ross and US Consul-

General in Jerusalem Edward

Abington. Israel Radio reported

that US Ambassador Martin

Indyk was in touch with

Mordechai during the unrest as

part of a broader US bid to seek

The Clinton Administration said

yesterday it hoped to calm the sit-

tion and in order to proceed in our negotiations," he said.

Levy was to meet later yesterday with Turkey's Foreign Minister Tansu Ciller. At a briefing with UN correspondents earlier in the day, Ciller defended Ankara's defense agreements with Israel.

The pacts are "not to be a threat for the region but rather of stability and a source [for] the peace process in the whole area," she said, adding that Turkey's defense-technology transfer agreement with Israel is similar to pacts her state has with other nations.

Turkey also has a year-old trade agreement, for natural gas, with Iran. When reminded that the US has legislation that would impose sanctions on states that trade with Teheran, Ciller bristled, noting that Turkey faced severe economic hardships, but had yet to be compensated for \$27 billion in losses stemming from its support of the US-Allied stance in the Gulf War.

> Ramallah, but that it was "not a good day for the peace process." This was not the kind of incident that serves either party's

interest." he said. The official called the tunnel opening the "proximate cause" of the riot, but implied that the heated Israeli, Palestinian and Egyptian rhetoric over the past week helped kindle yesterday's

David Makovsky, Arieh O'Sullivan and Bill Hutman contributed to this report.

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High Court recommends that Yemenite children inquiry broaden its mandate

for boys who tortured cellmates

EVELYN GORDON

THE state commission of inquiry into the disappearance of Yemenite children in the early 1950s should consider extending its mandate to cover missing children from other countries as well, the High Court of Justice recommended yesterday.

Justices Theodor Orr, Mishael Cheshin and Ya'akov Kedmi made the recommendation during a hearing on a petition by Uzi Meshulam requesting the broadening of the commission's mandate. The petition, filed by attorney Zadok Hugi,

THE Supreme Court has doubled

the sentences of three boys who

badly abused their cellmates in the Tiberias lockup.

varied criminal records, were

awaiting trial in the Tiberias lockup

amuse themselves by beating up

their 14-year-old cellmate, using

fists and a belt. The prison authori-

ties removed the injured boy the

next day, but replaced him with

another boy, and the three stepped

In addition to beating their new cellmate with both belt and fist,

EMPLOYEES of the giant

Electrochemical Industries factory

south of Acre are preparing for a protracted strike after a breakdown

in negotiations with the management and after the management sent

dismissal notices to 111 of the

The Acre branch of the Histadrut yesterday petitioned the Haifa District Labor Court for an injunc-

tion to invalidate the letters of

redundancy. The court deferred the

.... The workers stressed that they

want to resume negotiations with

management over a recovery plan for the firm, which lost NIS 15 mil-

lion in the first half of this year.

Management has blamed the losses

on the rising cost of raw materials

SEVERAL dozen educators from the Ethiopian immigrant commu-nity are to hold a vigil outside the

Education Ministry in Tel Aviv

this morning to put pressure on the

government not to close down a

special Steering Center designed to

advance educational opportunities for young members of the commu-

nity.
The ministry has not transferred a NIS 5.5 million budget, for the anonths September-December, to

se center "in an effort to dry up its activities," a spokesman for the Unified Organization of Ethiopian Immigrants, which helped to plan

"This means that some 2,400

youngsters from the Ethiopian community, in seven localities,

have already been left without informal educational activities in

the afternoon and hundreds of others are likely to join them," spokesman David Golan said.

He said the Ethiopian educators

amed at treating the problems of Ethiopian youth within existing frameworks. "We don't want to be

the center, said yesterday.

hearing until Friday morning.

firm's nearly 400 workers.

up their activities.

The three, who all have long and

said 61 people from 18 other countries whose children disappeared in 1948-54 had already tried to testify before the commission, but

their testimony was rejected because they fell outside the commission's mandate. At the hearing, Zadok said he had a list of 170 such people who wanted to testify. Most of these families came either from other Middle Eastern countries or eastern Europe, with a

body hair, extinguished lighted cig-

arenes on his body and dripped

melted plastic bags onto him. As a

result, the boy suffered second-

degree burns on his chest, back,

legs and hands. The three also tried

In February, the Nazareth District

Court convicted the three of caus-

ing bodily harm and attempted

sodomy, but acquitted them of

aggravated battery and obstructing

justice. It sentenced two of the boys

to two years in prison and the third

to one year, saying a harsher sen-

and the marked drop in the interna-

tional prices for PVC, the firm's

Managing director Yair Rotem and Senior Vice President Zvika

Greengold visited the factory and

met with workers yesterday for the

in talks between management and

David Kehat, a member of the

united works committee at the

plant, said the workers were willing

"The problem is that management is insisting that all those to be dis-

missed should be those on collec-

tive agreements, as opposed to per-

sonal contracts. This is a direct

attempt to break the union," he said.

2 out of 100 but 2 out of 2," he said. "In places, such as Beersheba,

where special efforts have been invested in the Ethiopian pupils

since the center was set up two

years ago, it is paying dividends."

Ethiopian pupils getting special tutorial aid to 3,000 this year and to

4,000 next year has also been

Education Minister Zevulun Hammer yesterday hastened to assure the community that he had no plans to cut off funds to them.

"On the contrary, they will get big-ger budgets than before," Hammer

said in a statement. But the min-

istry spokesman said no specific budgets had been fixed, and these

would be worked out "when

Hammer meets with leaders of the community after the Succot holi-

day." Yesterday, Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu's aide, Yair

Ma'ayan, met a delegation from the community and promised to appeal on their behalf to Hammer to suspend any decision to close

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The justices apparently accepted Zadok's argument that if the commission was investigating the dis-appearance of children during those years, there was no reason to restrict it to Yemenite immigrants. Furthermore, Orr said, the commission itself appears willing to

few from Western Europe and expand its mandate in this fashion. He therefore asked the govern-

ment to consider doing so, and come back to the court with its decision within a month.

However, the justices declined to recommend a second change Meshulam had requested: that the commission's mandate also be expanded to include people whose children disappeared before 1948 or after 1954. Hugi said he had 48 such families who wanted to testify. This part of the petition was therefore deferred until next Supreme Court doubles sentences

increase size of existing settlements

Sharon: ILA will

DAVID HARRIS and DAVID RUDGE

INCREASING the sizes of existing towns and settlements in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan will form major planks of future Israel Land Authority poli-cy, National Infrastructure Minister Ariel Sharon said during the authority's board meeting on Tuesday. Likewise, construction will be increased in the Negev, greater Jerusalem, the Galilee and Jordan Valley.

Sharon has given instructions for the development of three sites on the Goian for the construction of 600 new homes.

The decision followed a meeting on Tuesday between Sharon and Golan Regional Council Chairman Yehuda Wolman. He said one of the proposed sites would be just over one kilometer from Kibbutz Mevo Hamma and the others near Ma'aleh Gamla. Sharou instructed the Israel

Lands Administration to release

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the necessary land and for plans for the "self-build" homes projects to be drawn up and submitted to the appropriate bodies for approval.

Wolman said he hopes that if all goes well building work would start within 10 months and the first houses would be ready for occupancy within two years.

The minister also stressed the need for security considerations in strategic planning. Settlement must take place in areas such as a 25 kilometer east-west strip from the Jordan Valley to Wadi Ara; east of Beit Guvrin, where a commuter settlement is planned; and generally in areas where there is only a minority Jewish population.

Sharon said. It is important to preserve exist-ing green belt areas, Sharon said, and consequently building programs along the coast and in the largest cities must take this into consideration and be designed to grow upwards rather than outwards, particularly between Haifa and Ashkelon.

While repeating his pledge to make Beersheba a city of 500,000 by the turn of the century, the minister said he would fight for equal treatment for the Negev's Beduin population, along with the rest of the country's non-Jewish inhabi-

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WITH uniformed 18 year olds beaming and their parents full of pride, it was nevertheless an IDF graduation ceremony with a difference: the 18 graduates of a one-totwo-year program were born with Downs Syndrome or other serious

Downs Syndrome soldiers

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ioral disorders. The youngsters, who would ordinarily have been rejected for mili-tary service, served for a year as volunteers on the Anatot base just northeast of Jerusalem. They did work usually carried out by reservists. All were prepared for the . on the base who see them from weekly or twice-weekly work at weekly or twice-weekly work bly."

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The uniformed volunteers tend and serve food in Potential (ICELP) and the Hadassah-Wizo of Canada

by Israel Prize winner Prof.

The participants, who get a nominal payment for their work, spend the rest of the week taking an ICELP course as caregivers in old age homes, and many have already been offered jobs.

"This program, which has already produced 100 graduates in three annual rounds, is helping to change the image of the mentally disabled in society in general and [among] the disabled themselves," Peuerstein said. "Imagine how they influence the thousands of soldiers close up working hard and capa-

gardens, prepare and serve food in the kitchens and dining rooms, Research Institute, founded and run clean tanks and machines and oper-

partially to blame for their behavior. Two of the boys had been in institutions for years. One had been abused as a child, a second had tried to commit suicide several times and the third had an alcoholic The state appealed both the partial acquittal and the sentence,

however, saying the extreme brutality of their actions mandated a stiffer sentence.

Justices Shlomo Levine, Mishael Cheshin and Dalia Domer accepted the state's appeal in full. Once the lower court accepted the victim's testimony, they said, there was no justification for the partial acquittal. But even had the acquittal not been reversed, they added, the sentences were too light for such an appalling crime. They therefore increased the ringleader's sentence from two to four years, and upped the other boys' sentences to three







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Yeltsin's surgery approved but delayed

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MOSCOW - Russian President Boris Yeltsin will undergo triple or quadruple bypass surgery in six to 10 weeks, and will remain in a hospital or clinic until then, his surgeons announced yesterday.

While dispelling speculation that surgery would have to be canceled because of Yeltsin's poor health, the announcement effectively means Russia will remain without an active leader for months to come.

Russian cardiologist Renat Akchurin, expected to lead the operating team, told a news conference that the delay could boost Yeltsin's prospect of survival close to 100

"If we operate now, I would say the chance is about 80 percent, but we hope that in six weeks the percentage would be close to 100," Akchurin said.

The doctors, who met Yeltsin in Russia's exclusive Central Clinical Hospital, said that the 65-year-old Russian president needed an operation, but they were confident that he could return to a normal way of life.

American specialist Michael DeBakey, who joined in the consultations, said the president will need another two months to recover from the operation. DeBakey said he should be able to resume "full normal activity" after the operation.

Doctors said the delay is necessary because Yeltsin's heart muscle is damaged and needs time to heal. The president will be able to do paper-

work and see visitors while he's resting, But the delay is certain to prompt angry demands for Yeltsin to resign by the

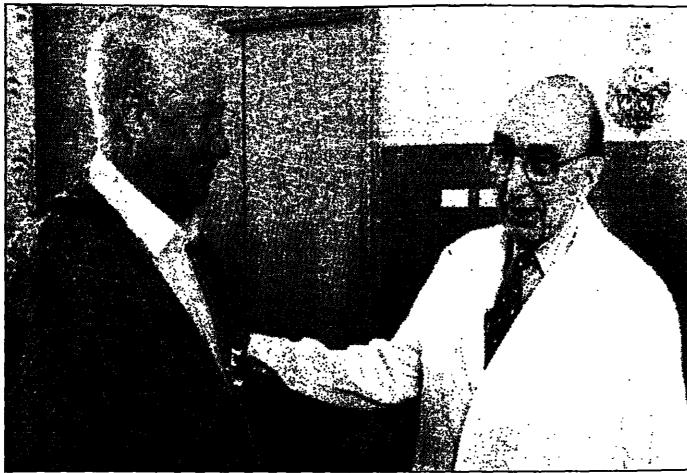
Communist-led opposition, which has already called for him to step down if his work load has to be cut. Mikhail Gorbachev, the last president of

the Soviet Union, called on Yeltsin to resign in a radio interview yesterday. "The way things are going. [Yeltsin] must resign," Gorbachev said of his old political

sparring partner. Gorbachev said Russia could not be "left

a hostage of unclear, troubled times." Recalling the Soviet Union's period of

so-called "stagnation" under ailing process and its ability to carry out a peace-Communist Party bosses in the 1970s and ful succession if Yeltsin dies, administration



Russian President Boris Yeltsin (left) meets with US heart surgeon Michael DeBakey in Moscow's Central Clinical Hospital

early 1980s, Gorbachev said former Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev's long period of illness had "stopped all work...At least 10

years were lost. Russian stocks, which had plunged eight percent this week on fears about Yeltsin's worsening condition, immediately surged 3 percent on the news. The prices of MinFin bonds also rose after the announcement.

In Washington, Yeltsin's illness is causing anxiety about the future of Russia's reform

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officials said.

"Democracy in Russia is doing fairly well but it is hardly an absolute certainty that it will take deep root," Assistant Secretary of State Thomas McNamara told reporters.

Another official spoke of a variety of "unpleasant scenarios" that could occur in the event of Yeltsin's death. "You could have an election and have

someone come to power whom you do not want to come to power," said the official. The official said the possibility of Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov ris-

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ing to power should not be discounted, but seemed remote because of the severe blow dealt to his party by the Russian electorate

Another potential successor to Yeltsin is national security chief Alexander Lebed. "We don't know what sort of leader he would be," the official said.

The safest choice, in the administration's view, would be Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, who would be expected to continue to pursue the reform policies

WORLD BRIEFS

US naval analyst charged with spying ALEXANDRIA, Virginia - A civilian computer expert working for naval intelligence was charged yesterday with passing at least 50

secret documents to his native South Korea. Robert Chaegon Kim, 56, of Sterling, Virginia was arrested Tuesday night at Fort Myer while attending an Armed Forces Day reception sponsored by the South Korean Embassy, officials said.

Kim was employed by the same Navy intelligence center in Suitland, Maryland, that employed Jonathan Pollard, who is serving

a life term for spying for Israel. He handed over classified information, many with "secret" or top secret designations, to Back Dong-II, a naval attache for the "top secret" designations, South Korean government, an affidavit released in US District Court said. He also is accused of giving South Korea "above top-secret" documents containing political and military intelligence about North Korea and other Asian-Pacific nations.

At least 13 feared dead in Dutch plane crash DEN HELDER, Netherlands - At least 13 people were killed yesterday when a Dutch-operated DC-3 Dakota plane with 35 passengers on board crashed into the North Sea near this Dutch

naval base town, the coastguard said. "Military air traffic control told us that a Dakota went down with 35 passengers on board...we are not sure how many crew the plane

was carrying," a coastguard spokesman said.

The Dutch news agency ANP reported sightings of apparently lifeless bodies still strapped into their seats, drifting in the water

A navy spokesman said the 55-year-old vintage propellor-powered plane was operated by the Dutch Dakota association and had been on a sightseeing flight over the Netherlands.

Armenian police fire on opposition demonstrators

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) -Security forces opened fire on opposition demonstrators yesterday in the Armenian capital, wounding an unknown number of people protesting the outcome of the presidential election.

Violence broke out in the evening, after an estimated 40,000 people gathered outside the building housing the Central Election Commission in downtown Yerevan. It was the third demonstration in as many days by people accusing President Lev Ter-Petrosian of winning re-election

through fraud in Sunday's election. Security forces used tear gas and water cannon on the crowd, then opened fire when demonstrators failed to disperse. Demonstrators fought back, grabbing for the guns and clubs carried by police and soldiers from the internal security service, the successor to the KGB.

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It was not immediately known how many people were wounded or whether anyone had been killed. Blood stained the pavement outside the building, which is also the headquarters of the Armenian par-

Lebed slams Russian government, warns of army mutiny

MOSCOW (Reuter) - Alexander Lebed, the Kremlin's ambitious security chief, launched an outspoken attack on the Russian government yesterday, saying its failure to pay soldiers' wages could

soon spark military uprisings. "An armed mutiny may take pital.

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place this autumn," he told the Vechernyaya Moskva newspaper, in an interview that fuelled speculation Lebed and Prime Minister Viktor Chemomyrdin, 58, are jockeying for position as President Boris Yeltsin lies in hos-

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Lebed, 46-year-old former general, is not a member of Chernomyrdin's government but reports directly to Yeltsin. Lebed openly covets Yeltsin's succession and told the newspaper he could save the country from collapse if

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powers to implement it because those are the powers of the head of state." he said.

The blunt ex-paratrooper, who came third in June's presidential ballot, gave no details of what sort of mutiny he thought might be

"I have a plan but do not have about to break out in the army. But he appeared to be talking about local unrest in the ranks. rather than a generals' coup of the sort he warned of after taking office in June.

"People with high professional skills serve in the army. Maybe it had to take extra jobs.

But Dayan, speaking to

reporters at the roadblock, which

was strewn with debris, said, "We

from crowd or a nearby house.

But we know it involved

Dayan said the Israeli soldiers

fired live bullets only after they

were fired upon, but that some

soldiers may have fired live

rounds into the air to disperse the

shooting or fired back.

Palestinian police."

rioters.

is not enough to win world wars but it is definitely enough to slaughter all the lambs," Lebed

It was a "national disgrace", he said, that the army had not been paid for three months and officers

CLASHES (Continued from Page 1) the Palestinian Police initiated the Bank, Gaza and Jerusalem, to defend Jerusalem.

In Bethlehem, the streets were strewn with rocks and bottles after dozens demonstrated at midday on the seam of Area A and the IDF-controlled area C near Rachel's Tomb. In the evening, more than 100 Palestinians gathered at the site and crossed into area C, setting fire to the building site outside the tomb, which has been a frequent source of protest itself. Last night, there were

reports of more gunfire, and four

Tulkarm, a protest march was led

The IDF reported that in

Bethlebem, the Palestinian Police

responded to IDF calls to disperse

the demonstrators, but failed to

In the Gaza Strip, a few hun-

dred protesters demonstrated at

Netzarim Junction under the

watchful eyes of Palestinian

policemen and IDF soldiers. The

demonstrators dispersed peace-

But in Gaza City some 5,000

high school students chanted

"Death to the criminal [Prime

Minister Binyamin] Netanyahu,"

and burned the Israeli flag.

The only other bloody clash

between Israeli and Palestinian

forces since self-rule began was

in January of last year, when three

PA policemen were killed in a

confusion-shrouded shoot-out at

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The IDF declared Ramallah a Palestinians were reported closed military zone, barring wounded. Israelis from entering.
Reports said the IDF soldiers In Hebron, a few dozen placard-carrying protesters gathered and burned an Israeli flag. One sign said "Halt the plundering in Al-Quds [Jerusalem]," In

advanced a few hundred meters into Palestinian-controlled Area A. But Dayan insisted that at no time did Israeli troops penetrate the PLO-ruled area of Ramallah.

The dead were identified by Ramallah Hospital spokesman Dr. Hamad Aidah as Raied Sharaka, 15, Abdel-Jader Hatam, 20. Munir Jamhour, 22, and Asraf Palestinian radio and TV car-

ried special programs devoted to the clashes and canceled regular broadcasts, creating an emergency atmosphere.

Without explicitly calling for violence, TV announcers made statements like "The intifada has erupted anew" and "Don't let them take Jerusalem. She is our

Chief of General Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak said the rioting did not just erupt spontaneously, but was planned.

"There is no doubt that the incidents which took place in all the central cities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza were certainly not spontaneous, but initiated incidents," Shahak said, "As far as we understand, the Palestinian police were the ones who fired and whether it was on orders or not is something we have to

Channel 2 reported that the riot was organized by Harnas and that the Palestinian policemen who opened fire were Harnas plants.

The Palestinian Authority made no secret of its involvement in yesterday's protests, by calling for a two-hour general strike in a joint meeting of the PLO Executive Committee and PA mmisters.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat spoke of the "Israeli government escalation against our people. The most important thing is, we can't accept the Judaization of Jerusalem. East Jerusalem is our

Finance Minister Mohammed Nashashibi said after the meeting, which ended early yesterday morning, that Arafat and the cabinet gave a green light for escalation by all means in the West

Afghan rebels close to Kabul

ISLAMABAD (Reuter) The Afghan Taleban militia battled to the eastern edge of Kabul yesterday, threatening the survival of President Burhanuddin Rabbani's government.

Taleban sources said the rebels had captured Pul-i-Charki village on the outskirts of the city, as well as the military academy.

Government sources in Kabul confirmed the Taleban were at the gates of the city, but denied the military academy had fallen. The Taleban said fighting had moved on to the customs house area, only five kilometers from the city.

Government iets were bor the Taleban, who were attacking Kabul from the east, south and southwest, rebel sources said.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) prepared to send two planes to Kabul today to evacuate foreigners wanting to leave, an ICRC official in Pakistan said. Taleban leader Mullah Mohammed Omar called on troops loyal to Rabbani to stop fighting because their leader was "preparing to flee", Omar's spokesman Wakil Ahmed said.

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Minister Nabil Shaath.

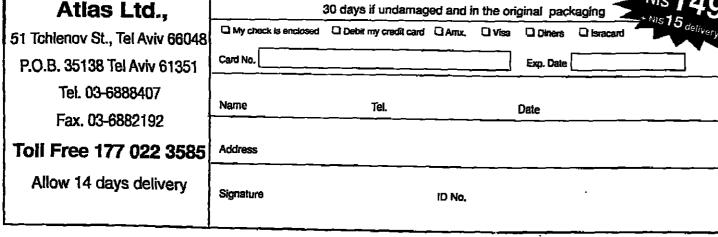
There may not be a shadow of truth in the Palestinian claims about Israel's tunnel, but it served to make a point. The issue, PA councilwoman Hanan Ashrawi said, is "not to allow Netanyahu to continue his deception that the peace process is alive and well, while on the other hand he is doing everything possible to destroy it."

The sight of Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert on TV burrowing in the tunnel with religious devotion infuriated many Palestinians, while the sight of Arafat's deputy Mahmoud Abbas meeting yesterday in a backslapping meeting with Tel Aviv Mayor Ronni Milo showed that the path to better relations is still open. Netanyahu has reached the fork in the road.



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Gurion Airport. Vehicles owned by government offices, Bezeq, and the Israel Aircraft Industry (which are driven by employees of these institutions) are periodically upgraded. Once these vehicles have reached a certain age or been driven a certain number of kilometers, they ienian police fire are "put out to pasture," so to speak, and sold to the public by sition demonstra

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chasing the upgrade.

Also sold through the cargo company are vehicles confiscated by the Income Tax Authority, the National Insurance Institute, the VAT office, the courts and the Israel Police. As a result, the selection of models and types is

The used-car lot is located in the northern industrial area of Lod. It is open three days a week: on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The cars are on display with their hoods open, but prospective buyers are not permitted to run their motors. In other words, purchases are "as is."

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home, the ultimate fantasy is to Every Wednesday, the Hebrew "sell high" and "buy low." All too dailies publish the tender for that week. Bids can be submitted from that Wednesday until Friday - when the lot is open to the pubthan the budget allowed when purlic. Prospective buyers must submit 10% of the sum of the bid (e.g. if you want to bid NIS 20,000 for a particular car, you must dish out NIS 2,000 up front).

If you win the tender, the 10% becomes part of the payment for the vehicle. If you lose, you get the 10% back in full. If you win, but change your mind about wanting the car, you lose the

According to the Nitza Holtzman public relations firm which handles Maman, the method for transacting these tenders is geared towards ensuring the integrity of the sales.

Bids must be submitted in closed envelopes. Each bidder is given a client number. The number and the amount of the bid are fed into a computer. The computer then releases a printout on which the bids, the client numbers, and the ratio of the bids to the estimated value of the cars - determined by a professional assessor - are

Only later are the names of the bidders also fed into the computer, to form a cross-reference between the client number and his name. The names of the bidders are locked in a safe until the following Tuesday, when the sales commitwinners." On Wednesday, an electronic voice message - at (08) 927-1930 - announces the names of the winners.

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It is also worthwhile for the notso-mechanically inclined, in the event that the price they end up paying is less than the cost of a similar car plus the cost of installing a new engine. For this reason, it is a good idea to find out the cost of heavy repairs for a particular model before bidding. The disadvantage is the bother. Even after conducting sufficient

research, and after scanning the Hebrew newspapers Wednesdays to find a model you're interested in buying, there is still no guarantee that your bid will be higher than others.

The risk of purchasing an automobile without really knowing whether you're getting a lemon or a peach is obvious. But for those for whom the temptation to "outsmart" the market outweighs the risk ... happy honking.

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Teaching hotel hospitality

HAIM SHAPIRO

LEANORA Yachikov was a Russian teacher in Russia. In Israel she hopes to become a hotel manager.

Yachikov is one of 230 students at the Tiberias and Galilee Hotel School at the Tiberias Holiday Inn. The 27-year-old mother of two from Safed admits that at this point such a thought remains in the realm of fantasy, but she believes that if her desire is strong enough, anything is possible.

"It all depends on me," she says. Gila Kahana-Ben Margi is director of the school, which is sponsored by the Labor Ministry, the Tourism Ministry, Africa-Israel Hotels and Resorts, and the Tiberias Municipality. She says that the students include demobilized soldiers and the unemployed, but many of the students are immigrants and the school is interested in attracting more immigrants, including those from Englishspeaking countries.

In the two years that the school has been in existence, she says, about 450 students, from as far away as Afula and Metulia, have completed courses preparing them for work as reception clerks, chefs and housekeepers. A small number have also finished the prestigious managers' course, in which Yachikov is enrolled.

In follow-up programs, the school has learned that 90 percent of the graduates in the chefs' course who wanted to work as chefs have found jobs. Of these, 85 percent are employed in hotels.

Among those presently taking the chefs' course is Alexander Vidvitzky, a 35-year-old immigrant from Ukraine, where he already worked as a chef. The procedures



In the two years that the Tiberias and Galilee Hotel School has operated, about 450 students have completed courses preparing them for work as reception clerks, chefs, and housekeepers.

in Israel are very different, he says. The main difference between the training he received in the former Soviet Union and in Israel is that in the FSU the students were very disciplined, he says

But he is anxious to learn and to start working. "I have to work to live," says Vidvitzky, who has three children. "It won't burt me to work harder. But the best thing is that I'm here."

Recently, Kahana said, the Jewish Agency organized teams (which included representatives of the school) to go to the former Soviet Union, France, the US and Canada, to interest prospective immigrants in studying at the school, with an eye to going into hotel work.

Asked whether the immigrants would actually find work, she noted that the Holiday Inn chain

throughout the country.

"We can't promise them work, but we do tell them that if they want to work in a hotel and they do well in the course, the chain will snap them up," Kahana says. The candidates are interviewed in

their home countries to determine if they are suited for hotel work. Of some 70 young people who were interviewed in France recently, 30 were accepted and about 25 actually arrived and have been in Israel for about a month. The immigrants are now attending an ulpan for six months and will then live in the Tiberias Absorption Center while attending the course.

There are already some 15 immigrants from France who have attended the course and are now working as pastry chefs and recep-

itself needed about 1,000 new tion clerks. Another group is workers in its expanding network expected to arrived in June 1997.

The Jewish Agency provides scholarships for about half of the hotel school fees, which range from NIS 2,000 to NIS 5,000. In addition to the financial aid, one of the factors which makes the program attractive is the relatively short training period, Kahana

Another is the relative ease with which it is possible to find a job in the hotel industry. For immigrants from the West, another incentive is the that they already speak English or French.

Kahana admits that salaries in the hotel industry are not particularly high. "We tell them that salaries are not like those in hitech industries, but we also tell them that promotions come very fast for good people," she says.





Checks, whether in plaids or tiny houndstooth designs, are a sure thing for this and every winter.

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YOME winter, you can bet your sweet life that checks will figure somewhere on the ✓ fashion merry-go-round. Sometimes they are tiny houndstooth checks;

sometimes they are big, bold plaids; and often, they are somewhere between the two. This year, you'll find them all, including the popular Black Watch tartan, which resurfaces

every couple of years. Checks in various sizes and colors add a Gaelic flavor to the winter wardrobe, and as long as they are trims or only one of the items in mix-and-match dressing, they are just fine. But some designers are going overboard with ensembles of plaid coats, jackets, vests, shirts

and pants, which are just too much, especially

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when a matching shawl or cap is the finishing touch.

Even if you're not particularly partial to plaids and mini-checks, don't overlook them entirely unless you want to be totally removed from the clan. You can make your own fashion statement with several other current revivals, but if you want to check in with the trendsetters, a tartan or two won't go amiss.

You'll see them on toddlers, teenagers and great-grandmothers, plus all the age groups in

When preparing to go out, couples may have to worry about whether her checks will clash with his, because checks make no gender distinctions. Whereas absolute harmony may not matter much when tones worn by both sexes are muted, the lack of harmony strikes with a rude crescendo when the colors are bright, glaring and mismatched. And even when they're not, seeing too many checks coming and going can be more than a little

When that happens, try limiting yourself to a tartan scarf or a pair of tartan tights which barely show from under a midi-length skirt. That gives you a foot in without making you too conspicuous.



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An unsuccessful opening

RIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was right when he said that no matter when the new exit to the Western Wall tunnel was opened, it would have been a problem. It has often been said, however, that timing is everything, and timing the tunnel's opening for this week was simply counterproductive.

The need for such an exit to the Hasmonean Tunnel is beyond dispute: Until now, the narrowness of the tunnel, which runs along the western edge of the Temple Mount complex. allowed only 7,000 visitors a year to the site, which offers a view of the entire length of the Western Wall. Now that there is a new exit to the north, some 400,000 tourists are expected

Logic would dictate that the area's Arab shopowners - who have never recovered from the lingering effects of the intifada, which drove tourists away from the Old City's Moslem quarter - would be pleased at such a huge increase in the number of visitors, a point made by several government officials yesterday. But it should have been obvious that emotions would overwhelm logic in any matter concerning the Temple Mount area.

Yesterday's riots in Ramallah and Jerusalem provided the most violent example of the passions that the smallest incident in the Old City can spark. That Palestinian Police fired at IDF soldiers is particularly distressing, and the govemment must strongly protest this behavior to the Palestinian Authority. The diplomatic outcry is also worrisome, with even Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan issuing a statement, calling the move "a provocation to Arab and Moslem feelings around the world." Similar statements will no doubt emerge from today's Arab League meeting, called for by the Palestinians to discuss the issue.

Claims by some Palestinians that the opening of the tunnel's new exit threatens Moslem holy places and endangers the foundations of the Aksa Mosque are obvious nonsense, and only serve to further fan the flames of unrest. The tunnel does not run near the Temple Mount and does not touch any Arab property. What the new exit does represent is this government's determination not to remain passive in the political battle for Jerusalem. The question remains, however, as to whether it is adopting the right

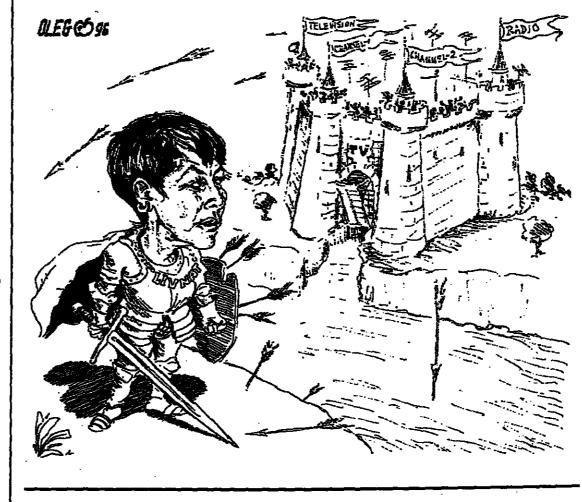
The tunnel's exit could have been blasted open months ago, after the previous government reached an agreement on the matter in January with the Palestinian Authority. Under this accord, Israel permitted Moslem prayers at Solomon's Stables on the Temple Mount, in return for Israel opening the tunnel without Palestinian protest. Soon after, however, the wave of bus bombings occurred, and the Labor government decided not to open the tunnel fearing this would lead to an escalation of violence in Jerusalem.

With the benefit of hindsight, Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert is correct in criticizing the previous government for not opening the tunnel immediately after the agreement was signed, but whether it was wise to go ahead and do so now is debatable. Olmert has argued that he wanted the exit open in time for the Succot holiday, and the expected influx of local and foreign tourists to the capital. But scenes of rioting and stones being thrown at Western Wall worshipers are not the best advertisement for a holiday in Jerusalem.

Moreover, these past few weeks have been marked by tension with almost all of Israel's neighbors and negotiating partners. Relations with Egypt have descended to the lowest form of mud-slinging on Egypt's part, while the tension in the north, following Syria's redeployment in Lebanon, has not fully dissipated. The deadly clashes between the IDF and the Hizbullah have resumed. And despite Netanyahu's recent meeting with PA leader Yasser Arafat, progress on the Palestinian track is frozen, with the details of the IDF redeployment in Hebron still unclear.

Given this gloomy setting, the government might have considered refraining from generating additional friction with the Arab world, particularly with the Cairo economic summit so close at hand.

A previous attempt to open an exit to the tunnel in 1988 led to riots throughout the territories, an international outcry and a government decision to block the opening. Despite the huge changes in the Middle East since then, the issueof Jerusalem is still a sensitive one. It is puzzling that the prime minister thought that the reaction to a new opening for the Hasmonean Tunnel would be any different today than it was



Same time, same place

NE would have to be as innocent as a lamb to write off Cairo's barrage of insults aimed at our prime minister as an attack of late-summer madness. For the offensive remarks were carefully orchestrated to time with a Suez Canal crossing maneuver carried out by a record number of well-trained

Egyptian troops. And, apparently in harmony with a decision taken by Cairo long before, Damascus reactivated Hizbullah attacks in southern

Shortly before, Syrian commando troops were dispatched with suspicious speed to the critical cease-fire line near Mount Hermon; and other soldiers were redeployed to the Bekaa Valley.

The insults flung at Binyamin Netanyahu by the Egyptian press who take their cue from President Mubarak's current state of mind - grow more vitriolic by the day. One editor, known as a close friend of the present-day "Pharaoh of the Nile," as Cairo diplomats say Mubarak refers to himself in private, was quoted as saying that "Netanyahu should have his ears, nose and tongue cut

off."
That's worrying. But
It isn't only Netanyahu who's most worrying for Israel is the mocked. Using bitter rhetoric Mubarak, ever-mindful of having been Egyptian Air Force commander in the You Kipper war, asked journalist Aharon Barnea, who was interviewing him for TV's Channel 2: "And is Arik Sharon still eating so much? Is he as fat as ever?" Mubarak then claimed that Sharon had been opposed to the peace treaty with Egypt - a fabrication. Egyptians well know that Sharon was the commander who crossed the canal and defeated Mubarak and other generals under

President Sadat. Barnea allowed the president's mocking remarks to go unchallenged. But not the Egyptians. Their TV people seized upon the interview program and, in a rare act, aired it twice for Cairo audiences. Al-Ahram said yesterday: Netanyahu should be sent to a mental institution."

The venomous onslaught from Cairo has been reported worldwide as being a "war of words." But it is only one side that is "warring." No Israeli leaders have been paying Mubarak back in the

One could almost hear the war drums beating in the background as al-Ahbar informed the world that if a poll were taken in Egypt it would show that Egyptians sup-ported breaking off relatious with Israel, expelling its ambassador.

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and war against Israel. A clue to what really lies behind Egypt's verbal bombardment of Israel was provided by Egyptian Defense Minister Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, who last week masterminded the most ambitious maneuvers ever in Egypt. Their aim was to demonstrate how fast

The barrage of insults from Egypt serves as the soundtrack to a scenario reminiscent of October 1973

the Egyptian armed forces could cross the Suez water barrier by amphibious vessel as well as by numel to reach Israel's frontiers.

fact that the Egyptians now have modern American tanks and warplanes and need no longer rely on less efficient Soviet armaments.

Asked by journalists why Egypt was carrying out this provocative activity that constitutes a breach of the peace agreement. Tantawi responded with a soldier's bluntness: "We are concerned about Israel attacking Egypt with nonconventional weapons."

WE WONDER about the reaction in Europe were the German army suddenly to cross the Rhine in a massive "maneuver" following a string of German insults hurled at the French prime minister. And all because of apprehensions over that country's large nuclear arsenal as compared to Germany's nonexistent one

Would Western leaders disregard the incident as totally as the world has ignored Egypt's continuing belligerence over the past months?

Allied with Egypt's moves is the Syrian decision to redeploy crack offensive troops close to Mount Hermon, from where Syria launched its surprise attack against Israel on Yom Kippur 23 years ago.

Hafez Assad and Mubarak have held at least two meetings over the past 12 months. Did they coordinate these moves on those

Day after day authoritative Egyptian leaders, echoed by Egyptian Ambassador Bassiouny, declare that Israel must fulfill all its "obligations" to the Palestinians and make concessions to Syria over the Golan

Heights. But even if Israel bows to every Arab wish, it won't apparently be any use. Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Moussa this week summed up Israel's expectations from Middle East peace talks as nonsense."

This sudden passionate Arab support for Yasser Arafat looks suspicious, for the precisely-coordinated Egyptian and Syrian belligerence looks and sounds as though it has been in the works for some time.

The explanation comes from Tantawi's apprehension over what he sees as the real danger facing his armed forces should they choose to attack Israel,

Egypt's problem? In the event of Arab military attack it believes Israel has the capacity to launch a nuclear response.

Complaints about Israel's nuclear capacity were aired repeatedly during the days of the Rabin and Peres administration, while their moves to grant Palestinian rights were greeted

with benign smiles of approval. The complex military maneuvers Syria and Egypt are carrying out take a long time to plan. It's clear they haven't simply been cooked up during the few months since Netanyahu took over the reins in Jerusalem. It was all worked out long before the Likud

leader came to power. Thus Arab excuses that Syria and Egypt are unsheathing their swords to press the Israelis to make major concessions to Arafat and to Damascus over the Golan are merely a smokescreen.

The Arabs' real intention was underlined by Egyptian Deputy Foreign Minister Fathi Shazli this week. Shazli said Israel could never be a "pivotal player in the Middle East since it has a historical role which can only be seen as negative in every way.

This posturing by the armies of Syria and Egypt comes as a sobering reminder to Israelis. It is the exact replica of those countries' movements prior to their onslaught against the Jewish state in 1973

True, it's 23 years on But it's around the same time, the same

The writers are authors of The Mossad: Secrets of the Israeli Secret Service and other books on the Middle East.

POSTSCRIPTS

THE NEW YORK Times has a new address.

As part of celebrations commemorating Adolph Ochs's purchase of the Times a century ago, New York City renamed a block of West 43rd Street in his honor, changing the letterhead for a newspaper known to resist fashion and fancy.

Forthwith: The New York Times, Adolph S. Ochs Street, Times Square, New York. Ochs' leadership began on

August 19, 1896, the start of an era that would see the paper rise from also-ran to institution. Founded in 1851, the Times was near bankruptcy when Ochs purchased controlling ownership for \$75,000 His first edition carried a one-paragraph announcement that Ochs, of

Chananooga, Tennessee, had become publisher. In a signed editorial, he outlined his plans for a newspaper that would "give the news impartially, without fear or favor." He would soon launch the Sunday Magazine and the Saturday Review of Books and Art. Ochs coined the slogan, "All the News That's Fit to Print," which has appeared on the Times front page since 1897. He died in 1935.

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ONDAY morning, You Kippur, Jerusalem had a quiet that was almost tangible. Nothing but the sound of a few kids on bicycles and a couple of men having a difference of opinion. It was what I'd come here from England for.

I walked to a yeshiva in Geula. where I sat squared off within white curtains in the women's section. Here atonement was serious business. There was solid concentration, interrupted only by small children tugging at holiday

Back in the sun, I walked home across a deserted Jaffa Road down which people were strolling as if it were a country lane. The only traffic was two ambulances and a police car.

Resting in the cool of my friend's Nahlaot apartment I watched the brightness of the day begin to fade. Fighting a rumbling stomach and parched throat, I decided to go ahead with a pact I had made with myself: to go to the Western Wall for Ne'ila, the Concluding Service.

For a Jew in search of her roots. raised in a secular Diaspora society, Genla seemed great, but surely the Kotel was the core.

I'd come this far. How could I miss out on Jerusalem's heart at this most auspicious time of the Jewish year?

Setting my feeble feet firmly on the floor I filled a water bottle in anticipation of 6:12 p.m. and psyched myself up for the half-hour

Approaching the Wall I passed crowds of people wandering about outside the railings or just standing around. Maybe, I thought, they weren't able to get near the Wall itself. But in fact access was quite easy.

Just as I remembered from the past there was that sense of being enfolded as I came close, treading on scribbled notes and finding my

Around me women murmured and wept. Beyond the partition, the sound of one minyan rose

above another. But then, as the sun sank and the praying intensified. I became aware of something equally insistent - continuing flashes of light.

IT WAS nothing to do, I'm sad to say, with the opening of the gates of mercy. Nor was it the onset of a blinding migraine. It was the

flashlights of tourist cameras. I looked backwards, up at the crowd I'd imagined was coming to the Kotel, like me, to pray. But all I could see was a gawking theater audience.

We worshipers down at the Wall were on display, observed by sightseers and onlookers,

The Western Wall show: flashing cameras, prying videos, worshipers on display

pointed at, the object of cameras and the prey of videos.

I could imagine some entertaining evening back home in Germany, Holland, or America, the great holiday video show. Look - a weird religious festival. The end of some fast day. How amazing: Jews praying!

Soon shofars blasted out from every direction, the sky turned inky, the stars seemed to blink with relief. Gradually the sounds diminished. Some young girls were doing a few rounds of dance. The tourists jostled for space, took more snaps.

The men at the Wall began to dance their own joyful steps. The videos couldn't get enough of it. I joined the crowds walking away toward sustenance, heading

back into the darkness of the Russian Compound and Ethiopia Street and across into Genia As I downed milky coffee and

cookies I told my friends about my irritation and dismay. "But really," said Ya'acov, with a twinkle in his eye. The tourists were the illusion. They were the picture show. It was the people

praying at the Wall who were the living reality." Whatever, come Succot, I know where I'll be. There aren't any

videos poking round Geula, no clicking shots of women sighing and celebrating within their curtained enclosures. If only we could go back to the

old days at the Wall, when there was no open courtyard for tourists to take their gawping stance - just a narrow passageway for people to do what the place was intended

Till then, I'll be visiting the Wall during the only time it can come into its spiritual own as a totally tourist-free zone - at midnight, when the rains come.

The writer is a journalist visiting from Britain.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE DERSHOWITZ COLUMN

Sir, - After reading your Sunday offering of a selection of US syndicated columns (American Outlook, September 8), I am compelled to comment on Alan Dershowitz's article which, though it ostensibly purports to be in support of Justice Barak, reads, in effect, more like a diatribe against the "Orthodox" in general, and the Orthodox rabbinate in particular, Alan, of whom I have always had reason to be proud, seems to have overstepped here, which is probably attributable to the perception that, as he claims, there are many among the Orthodox for whom religious authority supersedes that of the secular establishment. This, of course, does not sit well with jurists who have opted to make secular law their raison d'être and whose own position, as well as authority and status are thus threatened. It must, of course, be acknowledged that is indeed true - and always has been - that, for the religious person, religious belief and doctrine are overriding and supreme - that is why the pilgrims came to America. It is also true that religious citizens are generally the most lawabiding in any society; furthermore, it may justifiably be claimed that what is right, just, wise and true in the laws of Western states, is often ultimately derived from religious

ly from the Bible and Talmud. Dershowitz castigates those who use what he calls "hate speech" visà-vis Barak, yet he does not hesitate (in the foreign, US press), to refer to Jewish religious leaders and rabbis as "ayatollahs," and to suggest that it was they who caused the assassi-

nation of our late prime minister. Alan also repeats, even assumes as fact, a number of allegations that were left unproven during the lengthy investigations of the Shamgar Commission. There were no rab-bis who, in fact, sanctioned violence against the late prime minister, nor are there those - I am willing to wager - who in any way would sanction or condone violence

against Barak. Finally, it should be noted that the use of the term "fundamentalist" for halachic Jews (those who follow traditional Halacha) is both offensive and inappropriate. There are indeed, sects or factions in other religions who call themselves, and are called, "fundamentalist." This is not true in Judaism, and the attempt to introduce and tar Israel's Orthodox with this term, or to maligh them by comparison to fundamentalists elsewhere is

DR. JEANETTE KOHN

self having to walk in the roadway

unacceptable.

LAW-ABIDING PEDESTRIAN

Sir, - I had just read Greer Fay Cashman's article of September 11 ("Red cross") when I went for a walk in Jerusalem. I do not jaywalk; I was brought up in England to be

law and statute - and most especial-

law-abiding.
As I tried to cross a side-road from the main road at a traffic light. I found that the car in the lane closest to me had seen his amber light and drew up slowly and carefully but the man in the next lane, who was far away when the first car stopped, immediately accelerated. Had I stepped out smartly, what would have happened? I can provide many more instances which were more dangerous and happened to me. I once found myself crossing. with the green light, on part of the main road (to the central island) when a large van decided to do a Uturn on to me instead of turning left past me, as he was permitted to to.

On another occasion I found my-

---- Stien WHICE OF ISHM IST

among the heavy traffic because there are drivers who need sidewalks to park their car. This is not necessarily because there are no public parking spaces available, but because the drivers are too lazy to take the extra few seconds. It is only too obvious at times when there is no likelihood at all of a traffic warden appearing. In the early evening, the sidewalk opposite a large supermarket is blocked with curs deposited higgledy-piggledy, though the market has its own car park (presumably this would entail an extra second of maneuvering) and there are empty public spaces just meters away (an extra minute's walk).

There are faults on both sides. Ms. Cashman, and we must work to climinate both sorts.

F. GROSS

RECYCLING DUMPSTERS

Sir, - I live in Jerusalem. Last week, I went to Rehov Hakablan in Har Nof in order to drop off plastic bottles for recycling. I discovered to my regret that there are no longer any recycling dumpsters there for plastic bottles, glass bottles and batteries. I called the municipality and the official there told me that there were no longer any such dumpsters

in the entire city.

The earth is in danger of being destroyed by the greenhouse effect. Therefore, it is necessary to recycle everything that is recyclable. Indeed, there are a lot of recycling dumpsters here for paper and also a few for cardboard, but there are none for anything else.

In every Western country, every neighborhood has recycling dumpsters for paper, cardboard, aluminum, glass, plastic and batteries. We are a modern country. It is time that we should have these in all our neighborhoods too. GAIL TURNER

Jerusalem.

IRREVERSIBILITY

Sir, - Supreme Court Judge Ya'acov Kedmi ruled in favor of Ms. Nahmani in the matter of the fertilized eggs and said that the process which was begun is irreversible. Does the judge the not realize that his reasoning flies in the face of the court's position that the same process at a later stage is legally very much reversible when couched in terms of women's rights to an abortion?

If Ms. Nahmani were able to carry the fetus herself and decided later to have an abortion, what would Judge Kedmi say then about irreversibility?

ISRAEL PICKHOLTZ

AVIV GEFEN Sir, - I am not sure that that

unfunny clown, Aviv Gefen, hasn't done more harm to Israel by calling on the youth of the country to leave than that fanatic, Yigal Amir. Gefen has betrayed all those who have laid down their lives for Israel, including our proud Israeli son.

To be ostracized by all Israelis is too lenient a punishment for Aviv Gefen. He should be exiled for the traitor he is.

ROSE SCHAFFER Haifa.





suit of armor he believes was worn by none other than Joan of Arc. The armor's small size (1.60 meters) is right for St. Joan and the signs of battle damage fitted her military record. There is a trace of an injury over the right breast and the helmet had suffered a blow from the right both of which correspond with wounds Joan received in 1429. One of the earliest depictions of the saint, a miniature painted 50 years after sbe Was burned at the stake in 1431, shows her wearing very simi-

A Moslem, a Jew and a Christian retraced the steps of 19th-century French author and Sinai trekker Pierre Loti, Amy Klein reports

the Moslem, the Jew and ID you hear the one about the Christian trekking through the desert? They were retracing a century-old journey by a Frenchman who traveled Brother Iyes and Aziyade. But it through the Sinai desert in the

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The Frenchman was famous 19th-century author Pierre Loti. He was an officer in the French navy, and writer of many profitable novels including My was his camelback pilgrimage hope of regaining his faith in God. from Suez to Jerusalem, chroni-



View from the drivers seat of a camel.

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Le Désert that was the most significant of his works. In portraying the Arab deserts as a place of mystery, great beauty and desola-tion, Le Désert was the father of the romantic Orientalist myth in literature and life, still present

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Sourna Daneshvar came across the English translation of Le Desert while studying at the University of Chicago. Captivated by Loti's dramatic diary of the stark desert and its primitive inhabitants, Daneshvar began to research the author's trip: "I was interested in the personal experience of going through the area that has played such an important role in the religions."

Born of Shi'ite Moslem origins in Iran, Daneshvar is more of an international hybrid American graduate student who is precociously aware of the world around him. His resolve befits a Marine officer (which was another common attribute that attracted him to Loti). Daneshvar's research led him on a two-year quest which culminated in the replication of Loti's journey. "I wanted to compare Lou's experiences with ours, to see the changes that have been made," he explained.

His enthusiasm managed to hook fellow student Sheridan Bell, an American Protestant who had lived in different places around the world with his diplomat family. Bell had studied East Asian history, religions in China, and 16th-century Christianity and Judaism. By age 17 (eight years ago), he had traveled the Chinese deserts. "This spoke to me of a different culture, of a new experience." Bell said. "Loti was searching for something; perhaps I would find a better understanding of where I exist in the world."

If Daneshvar's expectations can be described as pursuing the romance of the desert, and Bell the existential aspect, then Oren Paynton, the Israeli member of the trio, can be said to be the most pragmatic in his expectations: "I was interested in the Sinai and the

Paynton had traveled to the Sinai when he was 10. Fifteen years later, he is of an age where he is old enough to remember the Beduin of the Sinai when it was

cled in the trilogy beginning with part of Israel. "I want to see how fear if you wander away and lose the political situation affected them. Who are the Beduin of today?"

Paynton, a long-faced Nicholas Cage look-alike, has the quiet assurance of a person about to begin life. A student of communications and psychology, he met Daneshvar at the Hebrew University. Le Désert piqued Paynton's interest. "I wanted to see what happened in the last 100 years [since Loti's records]."

PIERRE LOTI was the pen name of Julien Viaud (1850-1923). Part of the French Decadent movement at the end of the last century, Loti was eccentric in his tastes and actions. In addition to his military career, he was also an acrobat, a lover of costumes, women (such as Sarah Bernhardt and the queen of Romania) and the East.

Huguenot, he was strangely attracted to Islam and decided to travel to Jerusalem. He claimed that the hardships of the desert journey would prepare his soul for God, though, like the three men reenacting his journey, he was probably also enchanted by the adventure and mystery of the East. Loti traveled with two friends and a caravan of 20 camels and Beduin, who prepared their tents, the food and water. and led them in relative comfort and safety through the desert, dealing with obstacles such as negotiating with local sheikhs for permission to cross through their

Loti sketches a nuanced portrait of the Beduin: simple people who pray, sing around the campfires at night, are protective of their guests and are untouched by the outside world. On the other hand, they have their own desert code and in their dealings with Lou's group they were often conniving. But Loti's benevolent attitude ("Being robbed, pillaged and bilked, all this was foreseen, as long as they don't attack us personally, we have to let them have their way") stems from the fact that these were not his main focus.

His main concern was experiencing the desert landscape, and it is in this heightened awareness of his surroundings that he finds something of his epiphany: "And now you feel an almost religious first. I'm jealous because they got Bell, and Oren Paynton.

sight of the camp. But in order to be absolutely alone in the black emptiness, you separate yourself from your little handful of living things lost in this dead land. The stars shine in the cosmic void but are closer and more accessible than before. In this desert the stars are more permanent and ageless; looking at them here, one feels closer to understanding their inconceivable infinity; one almost has the illusion of truly being united with universal permanence and

A HUNDRED years after the original, the three travelers, exhausted and exalted from their 22-day trip. had found the desert and its inhabitants quite different from those described in Le Désert. Upon arrival at Suez, they were greeted with three camels and four Though he was raised a French Beduin, as opposed to the four camels and one guide they had requested; along the way they had to take more Bedrin, and much of the time the three walked on foot and let the Beduin ride the camels because it was faster. Moreover, their guides didn't want to go Loti's route or pace (eight hours a day), they wanted to take the men on the typical safari route (four hours a day) that they give most tourists.

"A hundred years ago it wasn't like that," says Paynton, who, from the time he contacted the Arab tour guides by fax, was disturbed by the amount of commercialism that the tourist industry had introduced to the Beduin lifestyle. "It makes me angry because I liked the Sinai when there weren't tourists, and you saw the Beduin from within." In the last 20 years, the Egyptians have aggressively settled the desert. developing tourist resorts and running in on the Beduin's turf, making them a minority in the area.

It was in the little things like the fact that the Beduin prayed only while they were on the trip and not within the camps, that Paynton saw a loss of national character. "It's a facade. They are role playing," Paynton says. Though he blames Loti and other traveling writers such as Lawrence of Arabia for opening this pristine community to the world, he admits, The thing is to get there

to enjoy it, untouched." He adds, "But it's still a nice place." Indeed, his hundreds of photographs cataloging their trip portray the varied landscape that Loti had described

a century ago."
Bell, who was disappointed by the experience of the Beduin, was pleasantly surprised at the contrast to Loti's desolate descriptions. The desert has so much more life than I expected: oases, water holes, bushes, trees, bees," he says. "The changing colors of the desert bombard the senses."

The group was very much alone in the desert, when they finally got off the tourist path. They tried to keep as much as possible to Loti's route, from Suez to Serabit to St.

and finally to Agaba.

Daneshvar also didn't find what he expected, but he didn't think that it was because the desert had changed so drastically but rather due to the fact that Lou's portrayal was overly romantic: "Loti's was an internal Orientalist journey. He had an idea and he wanted to keep that idea and not perpetuate anything that would take that away." Daneshvar says.

Was the two-year quest worthwhile? Daneshvar says it was. "I'm glad I did it. I developed my own romantic view of the Sinai not necessarily described by Loti." he admits. "I learned to separate fact from fiction."



The three expeditioners: (I to r). Sourna Daneshvar, Sheridan

The end of science is near, a victim of its own success

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rebuttal. Maybe, that's why John Horgan's new book, which basically is has so many scientists bothered.

In The End of Science, Horgan claims that humanity's quest for truth - a 4,000-year odyssey begun by the ancients and brought to a head in the technological 20th century - is finished. Horgan writes that: "Pure science, the quest for knowledge about what we are and where we came from, has already entered an era of diminish-

He goes on to explain that science is a victim of its own success. Astronomers have seen as much of the universe as they ever will. Physicists have probed as deeply into the nature of matter as practical experiments will allow. And biologists have been finished since Darwin conceived of evo-

Horgan, a 43-year-old senior writer at Scientific American magazine, seems to Watson Research Center said: "I'm rules lie beyond the ones that are curan unauthorized biography of science, be making his argument everywhere skeptical. ... But it's possible." lately. He and his book - the paperback rights to which were just sold for an impressive \$350,000 - have been spotted recently on the editorial pages of the New York Times and on television talk

Naturally, most scientists don't believe Horgan. But their reviews of The End of Science suggest he has struck a nerve.

Stuart Kauffman, a biochemist at the scientifically chic Santa Fe Institute, calls it "well-written, amusing, nasty, bitchy and entirely misleading." University of Chicago astrophysicist David Schramm calls it "nonsense." "I think he wanted to sell books," Schramm says.

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No the usually breathless, gee-whiz world of science writing, it is not often that somebody writes a nasty and small.

lution in the 1850s – the principle that condensed matter physicist David Goodstein described it as "fun to read in spite of its grim subject matter." And Rolf Landauer of IBM's Thomas J. rise to consciousness or what physical

> Then there's Steven Weinberg, a Nobel-winning physicist and author of the 1992 book Dreams of a Final Theory."I'm not upset about him at all," says Weinberg, a physics professor at the University of Texas in Austin. "I don't agree with him, but I can see why

> he says it." Nobody claims that science will go on forever. At some point, humanity will reach insurmountable natural, intellectual or technological limits. But most scientists see so many unanswered questions in their fields that they can't believe the end is nigh. "It's clear that there is a much more exciting level of questions than we're at right now,"

> Schramm protests. Horgan claims scientists are just fool

ing themselves with those questions. "Real physics means going out and We'll never know what existed before doing experiments and testing theothe universe began, what processes give scientific investigation, so any theorizing or speculating about them is what he labels "ironic" science. "It's ironic in the sense that real science can be taken as literally true," Horgan explained recently in his New York City office. "They've gone beyond what science

When Stephen Hawking speculates about the properties of supermassive black holes, or Ed Witten of the Institute for Advanced Studies talks about his far-out physics theories, that's not really science, Horgan contends. "They talk about mathematical consistency and logical consistency and all that, but that's what philosophers were doing 3,000 years ago," Horgan says.

Of course, no experiment could test the theory that science is about to end. understand the physics that's known. rently understood, he argues. Those So Horgan is engaging in the same Confirming highly complex mathemat-things simply lie beyond the reach of intellectual exercise he finds so scienical notions such as supersymmetry tifically inadequate. "Obviously, it's not scientific. It's not a rigorous argument." Horgan says of his book. "It's intended to be provocative."

And provocative it has been. Last month, Witten, who frequently is touted as the smartest man in the world, and Princeton University physicist Paul Gross wrote an opinion piece for the Wall Street Journal that didn't mention Horgan or his book, but was pretty obviously directed at it. "The questions that we can now ask are as exciting as they have ever been, if not more so," the physicists wrote. "In the coming decade, the instruments necessary to address at least some of these questions will be built, and exciting discoveries are soon

Naturally, Horgan thinks that unlikely. And even if it happens, he says, so what? The average person doesn't even and string theory won't affect most people's understanding of the world at all. "It's meaningless in human terms," Horgan insists. "It doesn't tell us about the purpose of the universe and our place in it, and all those sorts of

With the budget cuts and bad publicity that scholars already face these days. Horgan allows that he may be kicking science when it's down. But he insists his passion for science is as strong as anybody's, even if his assessment of its prospects is less than rosy. "I think science has been arrogant," he says. "On the other hand, I still think it's the greatest of all human enterpris-

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Just among friends

DEAR RUTHIE **RUTHIE BLUM**



Dear Ruthie, Once a week, a group of divorced women like myself - goes out to dinner together. This has been helpful for all of us

to air out our difficulties, and enjoy the company of other women going through a similar process. It's also, I hate to admit, a way to be "out there" looking for male companionship.

My problem is guilt. One of these women with whom I enjoy spending my weekly evening out became very interested in a man who introduced himself to us one evening, and who has since been hovering around our table. She confided this to me in secret. But then this man made it very clear that he wants to take me out on a proper date. I have refused twice so far, but he is persistent.

Guilty Girlfriend Somewhere in Israel Dear GG,

Apparently, you are interested in this man a bit yourself. Otherwise, the only problem you'd have is trying to assist your female friend

in lowering her hopes. But whether you wish to date this man or not, you will probably feel a lot less tortured if you tell your friend the truth about his having asked you. Undoubtedly, fear of her envy or hurt is preventing you from doing so. Yet, rather than preventing burt, you are managing

to prolong your own ill ease. Furthermore, however interested your friend may be in this man, keep in mind that she currently has

no relationship with him. Therefore, the only trust you are betraying is that which she may have in your honesty.

Dear Rushie, I have a buddy who is always short of cash, and who always borrows from me. He then forgets - or otherwise fails - to reimburse me. It would make me feel like a cheapskate to remind him that he owes me money. Is there a delicate way I can go about it?

Los Angeles . Dear CC,

Cash Conscious

It is hard to be delicate with someone who exhibits aggressive behavior. However valuable this buddy of yours may be to you, he is nevertheless putting you in an uncomfortable position on a regular basis. The fact that you feel like a "cheapskate" in spite of your generous behavior should tell you something about the dynamic going on between you and your friend.

There is nothing indelicate about asking to be reimbursed, if you do so in a polite tone of voice. But if straightforwardness is not an option, you may have to resort to forgetting your wallet when you spend time with this person... or to forgetting your friend when out with your wallet. Otherwise, you may find yourself reaching the conclusion that friendships which cause this kind of anxiety aren't worth their weight in your gold.

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Government to study IBA privatization

DAVID HARRIS

PRIME Minister Binyamin Netanyahu has ordered in-depth reviews of activities of the nation's electronic media, including levels of advertising on all channels and the possible privatization of the Israel Broadcasting Authority.

Before leaving for Europe, Netanyahu asked Communications Minister Limor Livnat to present proposals to the cabinet for the restructuring of radio and television, including more advertising.

Companies will welcome the possibility of advertising their products on Channel 1, according to Dudu Gilboa, who until last month headed Israel Television's news department and now works for Irina Shalmor Public Relations.

"Advertisers will gain the fruits with lower prices," he said, pointing out that while higher ratings are guaranteed on Channel 2, some firms would look to target an audience watching quality programs.

However, he says Channel 2 will vigorously resist such a move, even considering an appeal to the High Court of Justice.

There is a need "to carry out a new investigation of all areas of the electronic media in Israel, with the aim of giving expression to the multifaceted cultures in its pluralist society," Netanyahu said in a com-

He has also asked Tel Aviv University Cinema and Television department head Arnon Zukerman to head a committee, which will consider possible legal and structural changes in the IBA, and their subsequent impact on the communications industry in general.

A second committee, with an as yet unnamed chairman, will also be established to examine ways of increasing Jewish values in Israel's radio broadcasts.

"Currently, Channel 2 and the cable stations are monopolies, yet at the same time in competition with each other," Zukerman said. "We want to encourage increased competition but to ensure the preservation of public service easier time investing, transferring

have made clear their support for the IBA's privatization, the prime minister is not insisting that the Zukerman committee recommend the sale of the state-run company.

The committee, which met for the first time on Tuesday, will consider wholesale and partial privatization, or retaining IBA in the public sector, said Zukerman.

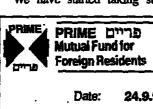
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\$390m. in IAI guarantees okayed

THE Knesset Finance Committee approved some \$390 million worth of government guarantees for Israel Aircraft Industries yesterday, with the reluctant support of both sides

of the political spectrum. Meanwhile, IAI chairman Yanosh Ben-Gal told the committee that his goal is to privatize the company within three years, since this is the only way to truly revitalize the IAI.

However, he said, the Prime Minister's Office has asked him not to take any concrete steps in this direction for the time being, since the government first wants to decide on basic principles for privatizing the defense industries.

The guarantees approved yester-day consisted of \$230m. for ongoing bank loans, \$50m. for the Galaxy executive jet project and NIS354m. to guarantee the pensions of 500 workers who are to take early retirement this year.

The \$230m. replaces \$130m. in existing guarantees, however, so it represents only \$100m. in new

The \$230m. is part of a comprehensive deal between IAI and the banks. Under this deal, the banks will give the company an eightyear, \$330m. loan, with a two-year

grace period with which to repay its current outstanding loans. They will also lend IAI \$120m. in new money and release the funds the

firm had deposited as collateral.

In return, the banks will get a lien on all of IAI's assets, and a comptroller appointed by the banks will oversee the company's operations. The state, in addition to providing the \$230m. in guarantees, will increase the company's shareholder equity by \$122m., of which \$85m. will come from converting loans given in 1995-96 into grants.

The guarantee for the Galaxy project was demanded by the US firm, which is investing \$50m. in a joint venture to produce and market the plane. It is to be paid if IAI fails to produce a working model of the plane and get it approved by the US Federal Aviation Authority by the

end of 1998. The government's chief scientist advised giving the guarantee, saying the company has a good chance of meeting the deadline, and in any case this is the only chance to save

The pension guarantees stem from a 1993 recovery plan which

called for retiring 500 workers this year. Under this plan, it was agreed that the NIS425m. cost of the extra pensions would be split equally between the company and the state.

The NIS354m. is to ensure that the workers get their money even if the company cannot pay its half. The guarantees were approved with only one negative vote, from Michael Kleiner (Likud), who charged that the "recovery plan"

appeared to be no such thing, and

that the company seemed likely to

be asking the committee for more money in another few months. "It's unreasonable to approve such high sums when they haven't even shown us the light at the end of the tunnel," he said.

However, many of the MKs who voted in favor, such as Avi Yehezkel (Labor) and Haim Oron (Meretz), expressed the same reservations.

"The committee simply had no choice," Oron said. "Failure to approve [the guarantees] would halt the recovery process and lead to the company's liquidation."

Committee chairman Avraham Ravitz (UTJ), however, was more

"I'm giving IAI a chance," he said. "In my opinion, with the plan as it stands now, they can operate the company, progress and even achieve good results."

In addition to the guarantees approved yesterday, IAI has already received some \$475m. worth of government guarantees, including 575m. for the Amos satellite and \$320m. for a previous round of

early retirements. In addition, the government has promised it \$410m. worth of guarantees to upgrade fighter planes for the Turkish Air Force, though this deal has not yet been signed.

Steve Rodan adds: IAI director-general Moshe Keret said the company's cash flow problem stemmed from a decision by local banks in February 1995 to reduce their credit line from \$330m. to \$110m. Moreover, some of the funds that arrived to IAI were

diverted for collateral. "So, we were missing this money until the agreement," Keret said. "It took longer than expected. Now, the approval by Knesset means we

can repay our suppliers." Keret said IAI's debt to its suppliers, as well as the cost of the loan guarantees, totals less than \$200m.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Customs and VAT officials to help Palestinian counterparts: Senior Customs and VAT department officials agreed yesterday to help their Palestinian counterparts develop their investigations sec-

The call for help was made by the head of the PA Customs Authority Nasser Tahbub during a meeting with his Israeli colleague Aryeh Zaif and Zaif's deputy Ami Segal, who has special responsibility for investigations.

The two sides agreed there is a need for cooperation, including the provision by Israel of training courses for Palestinian investigation

in the coming weeks, Israel will deliver to the PA a list of people suspected of violating customs laws, including presentation of forged receipts and the storage of smuggled goods, Zaif said after the meeting. A similar list is currently being compiled by the PA for

Expert warns Ben-Gurion 2000 project must not be delayed: An international expert in airports yesterday warned that if the new Ben-Gurion 2000 was not developed as quickly as possible, there could be dire repercussions for the entire economy.

Oris Dunham, the director-general of Airport Council International, made his remarks during a visit to the airport yester-

He said the crowding at the present terminal was already negatively affecting tourism, and that businessmen would also begin to

He said opposition to airport expansion was common throughout the world, but in the end the expansion took place and the opposition only resulted in lost time and money.

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Arab states agree to cross-list shares

BEIRUT (Reuter) - The Lebanese, Egyptian and Kuwaiti stock exchanges signed an accord yesterday to begin cross-listing shares next year, and officials said they hoped the Bahraini, Omani and Moroccan exchanges would soon join the deal.

Kuwaiti Stock Exchange director-general Hisham Oteibi said the accord could lead to the creation of "one huge Arab stock exchange."

The heads of the three exchanges and the secretary-general of the Union of Arab Stock Exchanges. who signed the accord, will set up a committee to draft regulations for the three markets in accordance with international standards.

"The Arab investor will have an and securing his investment under While Netanyahu and Livnat this legal umbrella," Oteibi said. "Cross-listing will take place as soon as we create a unified clearing, settlement and custody institution and provide cross agreements between brokerage firms. That's exactly the job of the committee."

Oteibi said a bill opening Kuwaiti markets to foreign investors would be a priority on the agenda of the new Kuwaiti parliament to be elected on October 7. "We have started taking steps

towards allowing foreign investors to trade in Kuwaiti shares and the bill is in the corridors of the parliament," he said. "After the October 7 elections, it will be voted."

Sa'faq Rukeibi, secretary-general of the Union of Arab Stock cross-listing to start in 1997.

would guarantee in its first stage a free flow of updated information to investors and dealers in the three

It follows an initial accord in April between Egypt's Capital Markets Authority and the Kuwait Stock Exchange.

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Exchanges, had said he expected Officials said the agreement

exchanges of Bahrain. Sultanate of Oman and Morocco will join us soon in this agreement," Oteibi said. "If we open up for all these stock exchanges we would be cre-

Lebanon's acting Finance Minister Fouad Siniora said the agreement would eventually activate Beirut's financial markets and attract Arab investment in the

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the number of bed nights in hotels by foreigners in July and August, but this was compensated in part by Israelis staying in hotels, the Central Bureau of Statistics said

THERE was an 18-percent drop in

According to the bureau, bed nights by Israelis rose 9% during July and August from the same months last year, resulting in a drop of only 3% in the number of hotel bed nights during the summer.

However, since there were 4% more hotel rooms, the average drop in occupancy rates was 6%-7%. In Jerusalem and Tel Aviv, which both depend on foreign tourism, the overall drop in bed nights was 12%

HAIM SHAPIRO

18% drop in summer hotel stays by foreigners

Eilat hoteliers warn deterioration in security would harm winter season

and 8% respectively. In Eilar, where most guests in the summer are Israelis, there were 11% fewer bed nights by foreign tourists and 12% more bed nights by Israelis, resulting in 9% more overall bed nights than last summer.

The Hotel Association said yesterday it saw in the summer's statistics a sign of hope that the drop in the number of tourists visiting Israel was beginning to ease up. The association pointed out that there was a decrease of 14% in the number of foreign bed nights in August, compared to a drop of 22% during July and 15% in June.

Meanwhile, Eilat's hoteliers denied widespread press reports that the town was in a tourist slump, but at the same time warned that their positive prognosis for the coming winter season depended on the security situation and the way Israel appeared in the media.

In a special press conference in Tel Aviv earlier this week, held following numerous reports of lagging occupancy rates for the holidays, Eilat Hotel Association Chairman Aharon Dekel said that Eilat expected about 190,000 visitors from abroad during 1996-1997 sea-son, compared to 173,000 last year.

An average of 48 flights a week are expected. Of these, 40 flights a week are to be direct charter flights to Uvda Airfield, with the remainder El Al continuing flights via Ben-Gurion Airport.

Last year tourism to Eilat suffered not only as a result of the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, terrorist attacks and fighting in Lebanon, but also due to an earthquake. Tourism sources abroad stressed that predictions would only be fulfilled if the security situation remained quiet.

The Tourism Ministry and the Eilat Hotel Association are investing \$3 million in a marketing campaign abroad, which began earlier

Osem to buy Tnuva ice cream plant

OSEM Industries has signed an agreement in principle to buy 51 percent of Tnuva's ice cream plant for \$30 million, the company informed the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday. According to the agreement, the two firms will establish a new company to develop and distribute ice cream. The new firm will consolidate the activities of Tena Noga and Snowcrest, which merged several months ago.

The new firm is expected to take advantage of the Swiss Nestle company's know-how and advanced production techniques and add Nestle's products to Tauva's ice cream line. Nestle invested in Osem earlier this year.

The new firm will pay Touva about \$30m. for Snowcrest and Tena Noga's assets. The annual sales turnover of Snowcrest and Tena Noga are estimated at \$50m. Together, the two firms hold

about 30% of the ice cream market. The transaction is subject to the monopolies

and mergers commissioner at the Industry and Trade Ministry. Osem's announcement led to a 2.5% rise in the company's shares on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange.

Osem and Tnuva started negotiations about six months ago in reaction to the growing competition in the local ice cream market. During the last few years, the local market has suffered from the entry of various US and EU importers, including Ben & Jerry's and, more recently, Haagen Dazs.

Contractors to seek other sources of capital in NY

GALIT LIPKIS BECK

A DELEGATION of contractors and builders wants to explore alternative sources of capital to back real estate projects at the October Business Conference in New York, following local banks' exhaustion of their lending ability to the sector. The delegation, headed by Association of Contractors and Builders in Israel president Mordechai Youa, will include two advisers - former finance minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Jerusalem Bank deputy chairman David

The delegation will attempt to raise capital for the construction sector, especially long-term capital. According to the Bank of Israel's regulations, banks can only extend more than 20 percent of their credit portfolio to any one sector if they set aside provisions for doubtful debt. It is estimated that the banks' existing credit backing to the sector has reached 22% of the banks' total credit portfolio.

Previously, Supervisor of Banks Ze'ev Abeles warned the banks that new limitations will be imposed if they continue to exceed the 20%

At the conference, the participants plan to encourage investors to invest in the local real estate field. The delegation is scheduled to

meet with senior representatives of many US firms, as well as financial institutions that have expressed interest in investing in projects. The delegation will also meet with public companies that have expressed interest in helping develop land in areas of high demand.

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Invitation for Offers to Purchase Land near the Shefayim Interchange

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Offers must be submitted in writing not later than Tuesday, October 15, 1996, at 12 noon at the office of the undersigned, accompanied by a personal check made out to the order of the undersigned, for 10% of the bid price. The check will be refunded if the bid is rejected. If the offer is accepted, but the bidder refuses to sign the sale contract, the amount will be forfeited as agreed liquidated damages. The Tender Law does not apply. The owners of the property will not pay a

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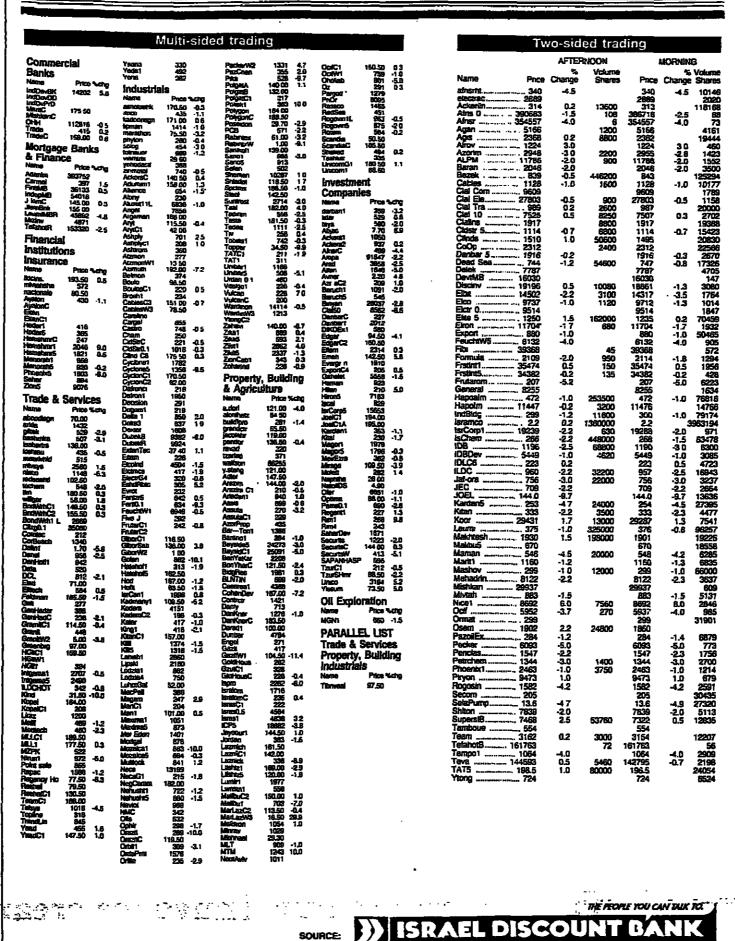
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Stock slump following low rate cut

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STOCKS fell yesterday, losing some of their recent gains, after the central bank on Tuesday failed to cut interest rates by as much as investors had been hoping.

The bank cut rates by 30 basis points, as against expectations of a cut of 50 to 80 basis points.

The Two-Sided Index fell 0.38 percent to close at 196.57, while the Maof Index added 0.29% to 206.32.

"After the rally the market has been through in recent weeks, this moderate correction shows some strength in the market," said Eli Nahum, head trader at Zannex Securities, "One could have expected an even more extreme fali [yesterday]."

The fall was broken in part by the strong performance of the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which has gained as much as 4.36% so far this month. Shares in Teva, which accounts for 9.5% of the value of the Maof Index, is traded far more heavily in New York than in Tel Aviv.

This adds some US influence to the Israeli market, Nahum

Declining stocks included Bank Hapoalim, down 1%, and Israel Land Development Co., which fell 2.2%.

Among the major chemical companies, Israel Chemicals dropped 2.2%.

Military electronics company Elbit Ltd. fell 2.3% after gaining as much as 23.87% since August

State-controlled telecommunications provider Bezeq fell 0.5%.

Across the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, NIS 82 million worth of shares traded, 8.6% more than he month's daily average of

Euro bourses end sharply higher

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuter) - European bourses ended up sharply yesterday, with Frankfurt hitting a record close, as a surprise US decision to leave interest rates unchanged removed market uncertainty.

The dollar slowly clawed back some of its losses suffered when currency markets, which had priced in a 0.25 percent percentage point rise in US rates, were caught out by the US central bank's decision to leave rates alone on Tuesday.

Analysts said the US move was a calculated gamble that the American economy will slow before inflation starts to rise. But it initially disappointed foreign exwould have made dollar-based assets more attractive to inves-

Stocks in London and Paris put on a strong performance despite an unsteady opening on Wall Street, but the star was Frankfurt which continued a bull-run to finish floor trade at a new peak.

The US rates move triggered a wave of buying for German stocks, pushing the DAX Index up to end at 2,658.97, eclipsing the previous best close of 2,646,10 set on September 20.

And trading on the computerized IBIS Index finished close to its new record trading high of

2,665.65 set earlier in the day. Frankfurt traders who had sold shares in anticipation of an increase in US interest rates went back into the market to buy at the decision to leave the rates unchanged.

"The climate is right," one trader said, referring to the US interest rate news.

But the volumes traded were low and traders were worried that the deals were not big enough for the market to feel secure with its new highs, particularly as most investors still believe a US rate rise is possible

In London, Europe's biggest

bourse, stocks ended up 0.6%, recovering from three day's of losses and taking heart from gains in US Treasury bonds after the rate decision.

"There has been obvious relief that the Fed did nothing and we have seen a few buyers again this morning," said one trader.

In the previous three sessions the FTSE Index dropped some 64 points from its near-record high of 3,974.3 on September 19.

- Some traders saw the market's strength continuing. "The UK is... close to a golden scenario, being good value and backed by the strongest economic growth in Europe," said Robin Griffiths, chart specialist at HSBC James

But the US decision to leave interest rates unchanged disappointed some investors, who feared US rates will have to be raised even more later, traders

Paris shares ended up over 1%, lifting the CAC Index to a close above the 2,100 level, on investor relief at the American decision to hold interest rates.

Volume was heavy. "It looks like the Fed's move gives the bourse a month and a half of breathing space," until

after the US presidential election, a trader said. The dollar staged something of a recovery after falling by a pfennig against the mark when the

failure to raise rates disappointed Forex traders. The mark's slide against most European currencies and yen weakness helped underpin the

dollar as it recovered from the sell-off caused by the "nochange" in interest rates. Optimism about European monetary union (EMU), as well

as weak German inflation data. weighed on the mark. "The mark's continued weakness is most directly related to a

market coming to terms with the realities of the push to EMU," said Peter von Maydell, senior currency economist at UBS.

Blue-chip stocks edge up WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (Reuter) - US blue-chip stocks edged higher yesterday, boosted by a rally in bonds and high-technology shares, a day after the market ended lower when the Federal

Reserve decided to hold interest rates steady.

Based on early and unofficial data, the Dow Jones industrial average ended up 3.33 points at

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Tenerife gets 1-1 draw to reach UEFA Cup second round

DEREK FATTAL, ORI LEWIS and agencies

THE ashen demeanor of the face of Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Avraham Grant portrayed the tale of his side following its 1-1 draw against Spain's Tenerife in last night's stirring UEFA Cup first round, second-leg encounter at the National Stadium, that saw the Tel Avivians exit the competition 4-3

Once again Maccabi ended agonizingly close to registering a spectacular victory in Europe, but as in previous years against FC Weder Bremen, Grasshopper Zurich and in last month's bout against Fenerbahce of Istanbul, Israel's top club side just could not summon the solitary goal that would have carried it through to the next round.

The Israelis made the naive mis-take of falling behind the end of a lethargic first period, but were restored to life by one of the best goals goals seen at Ramat Gan for many a year, by Gadi Brumer in the 49th minute. From then on, the match turned into a breathless contest as Maccabi powered forward against the visitors.

Armed with two precious away goals scored in the first leg played in Tenerife, Maccabi's task was simply to register a 1-0 or 2-1 result to get into Friday's draw that would have placed it in the hat against the likes of crack sides like Newcastle United and

Although Grant defended his match tactics after the game, the Israelis paid the price at the end of the first half for surrendering the initiative to the Spaniards, who were then able to dictate the flow of the play.

The Tel Avivians contented themselves with letting Tenerife come forward to within the 35meter range before meeting the visitors head on. As a result, Tel Aviv's most dangerous plays came from breakaway moves from deep in its defense rather than purposeful attacking build ups.

After Maccabi had weathered several scares from the Spanish attack, it came as little surprise when its back line was expertly dissected in the 44th minute through a subtle wall pass move between Minjanbres Felipe and Dorado Vivar that enabled Vivar to plant the ball beyond Alexander Obarov to put his side 1-0 ahead. For the second time in this tie, Maccabi conceded a first goal in the dying moments of the first half. Tenerife went 1-0 in the first in the first leg two weeks ago. The mood amongst the 15,000

supporters on the terraces during the break was totally defeatist, as the aggregate scoreline stood at 4-2 in the visitors' favor.

Grant's men were made of sterner stuff, however, and came out of the tunnel full of fight for the next 45 minutes.

Three minutes after the restart, an adventurous run by Nir Sivilia on the left wing ended with the ball at the feet of Ya'acov Hillel whose shot thundered against the hoardings on the left of Marcelo Ojeda's goal after sailing close to the post.

Then came Brumer's bombshell from over 30 meters. An innocent enough looking ball came on the bounce to the young center-half who unleashed a shot that seemed to employ the latest cruise missile technology as it hurtled in a split second into the back of Oreja's net. The goal was among the best scored in a night of action across

Brumer's strike changed the whole complexion of the match, as suddenly the Tel Avivians began to believe that they could seize the winner. A mere two minutes later, Eli Driks should have done just that as he was put through with just Ojeda to beat. The Maccabi veteran's shot was saved by the sprawling Tenerife goalkeeper and Driks sent the rebound goalwards again only to be denied once more by the athlet-

By now the atmosphere was electric as the previously sub-dued crowd bayed the Tel Avivians on.

In the 58th minute Sivilia had a great opportunity to put the hosts ahead from short range but fired wide as the Canary Islanders began to panic in defense.

German-born coach Jup Heinckes made a double substitution bringing on Australian Haurellio Vidmar to replace the ineffectual Bosnian striker Mejo Kodro upfront, and added Oliver Neuville in place of Antonio Pinilla in midfield. The fresh legs bolstered the visitors but Brumer threatened again in the 65th minute as he made an incisive run up the left flank only to see his crisp shot gathered by Ojeda.

Tenerife showed that it still had

some fire of their own as Felipe and Neuville both carved out scoring opportunities, but the pressure was clearly on the Spaniards. Grant threw Ofer Mizrahi and Haim Hajaj into the fray in place clearly sided but Mizzahi did little at the result, but I wouldn't have his second in the 89th minute.



TOE-TO-TOE TUSSLE – Maccabi Tel Aviv's Ya'acov Hillel fights for the ball against Tenerife's Minjanbres Felipe.

to justify his introduction.

As the clock ticked away, the Tel Avivians continued to stream forward. In the 79th minute Hillel disbelievingly buried his head in hands after Ojeda managed to pull off a miraculous diving save at the foot of his right post to deny the Tel Aviv full back.

The dying moments saw both sides come close, as Antonio Mata and then Filipe came close for Primero leaguers. In the 88th minute the visitors took no chances setting up a wall of four men for a 35-meter range free kick from Gadi Brumer which ended in Oreja's hands.

In the final minute, Ojeda provided salvation again, foiling a Driks header from an Avi Nimni free kick which confirmed Tel Aviv's bitter destiny.

Tenerife's coach, Jup Heinckes, was clearly satisfied with the outcome of the tie, but it was only after several tense moments during the match that he and the rest of the Spanish side knew they had managed to make it to the next round of the competition.

"We realized Maccabi would be a very tough side to overcome and that it would be complicated, but we defended well and managed to gain the result we needed,"

Maccabi coach Avraham Grant

leadoff homer, his 21st.

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played this match any other way," he said despondently.

Asked whether he should have played a different tactical game in the first half, Grant said he would have done it the same way all over again: "We played exactly as we should have done," he stated. Borussia Moenchengladbach 3

Arsenal 2 In Cologne, Polish striker Andrzej Juskowiak scored twice in Borussia Moenchengladbach's win, which carried the German side into the second round of the UEFA Cup.
Arsenal, 3-2 down after the first

eg of the first-round tie in England, turned in a battling performance but could not quite turn the match around.

Juskowiak gave Moench-engladbach a dream start with a 23rd-minute strike after a defensesplitting pass from captain Stefan Effenberg. But Arsenal fought back with

goals from Ian Wright and Paul Merson either side of the interval in a pulsating tie. Effenberg, the German side's

outstanding outstanding player, put Moenchengladbach level in the -75th minute with a well-placed shot but Arsenal continued to take "the game to the home team, knowing one goal could take the match into extra-time.

Boris Metveev. Hajaj's speed match. "I am deeply disappointed gaps in the Arsenal defense to hit

CSKA seeks to ruin Maccabi's Euro home opener

BRIAN FREEMAN

CSKA MOSCOW comes into tonight's Euro League game against host Maccabi Tel Aviv at a crossroads.

Is the club on course to return to its glory days, when the mere name of the team sent shivers through every opponent? Or is CSKA too overwhelmed by the high spending of other clubs to keep up with the new powerhouses of Europe?

On the one hand, CSKA, winner of four European inles, has successfully rebuilt itself. The team emerged from a demise following the fall of the Soviet Union to reach the European quarter-finals two seasons ago and then the cov-

eted Final Four last season. But the fine core of Russian players that made up those teams has been stripped away, and the \$1.8 million budget is too small to sign marquee European or foreign players.

Gone are starters Vassilij Karassev (to Efes Pilsen), Evgueny Kissurine (to Cibona Zagreb), Gundars Vetra (to Galatasaray of Turkey) and Julius Nwosu (signed with the Boston

Celtics). These players, who lost in last season's European semifinals to eventual champion Panathinaikos, were four of the team's top five scorers and included its top two rebounders.

However, those losses have been offset somewhat by the addition of Russian national team point guard Serguei Bazarevich, super-forward Valeri Daineko (both from Dynamo Moscow), and Alexandre Goutorov from

Volgograd.
Daineko was the third leading scorer at 22.5 points a game in last season's secondary European Cup tournament and Bazarevich was the top playmaker with an 8.0 assist average. Together, they led Dynamo Moscow to a place in the semifinals before losing to eventual champion Taugres. Returning from last year's

CSKA squad is guard Igor Koudelin, who was the team's main threat from three-point range last season at 48 percent (59-123) during the champi-

However, in CSKA's 72-67 loss last week to Panionios in Athens ing at 8:45 p.m.

MANCHESTER (Reuter)

English champions Manchester

United cruised to a comfortable 2-

0 European Cup win over Rapid

Vienna of Austria yesterday with

first half goals from Ole Soiskjaer

in their Euro League opener Koudelin was only 2-9 (22.2%) from behind the arc and the team was a dismal 3-18 (16.7%). This was in sharp contrast to one of the team's strengths last season, when it averaged seven three-pointers out of 16 attempts (43.8%) each

The other main returnees are frontcourt players Serguei Panov (who led CSKA with 19 points and 7 rebounds in the loss to Panionios), Nikita Morgunov and Andrej Kornev. Head coach Stenislav Yarimaz.

who was a star point guard for the team in his playing days and is now in his fifth year at the helm. has made it clear the sweeping changes make it difficult for the team to get.

This problem is exacerbated by the clubs' two new Americans, Marcus Webb and Edmond Wilson, who both had CBA experience last season but are still

rounding into shape.
Webb scored only 11 points in 19 minutes of play in the loss to Panionios. Wilson, who was only recently signed, did not even play in that game.

Center Igor Kourashov has also returned, but is injured and did not make the trip to Tel Aviv with the

Maccabi, fresh off its opening win last week in Limoges despite a less-than-stellar performance, hopes to improve on its play in its first home game of the Euro League. In addition to the backing of an expected sold-out crowd, the health of Derek Sharp, who was injured last week and did not play.

has improved significantly.

Maccabi is 7-4 all-time against CSKA in the championships, including the 1977 victory in Virton that not only put Maccabi "on the map" as a basketball power but also transformed the team into a symbol of Jewish tri-

CSKA is seeking its first win in only its third game at Yad Eliahu (before 1988 the games were played in a neutral site in Europe because the Soviets refused to host Maccabi or allow its teams to play in Israel).

The game is scheduled to be broadcast live on Channel 1 start-

Group A In Amsterdam: Ajax Amsterdam Netherlands) D. Grasshopper Zurich Switzerland) 1 (0-0). Scorer: Murat Yakin

Group B In Lodz: Widzew Lodz (Poland) 1. Atletico Madrid (Spain) 4 (2-1). Scorers: Widzew – Marek Citko (45th). Atletico – Milinko Pantic (24th), Diego Simeone

Group B
In Bucharest: Steaua Bucharest
(Romania) 0, Borussla Dortmund
(Germany) 3 (0-2). Scorers: Borussla
Dortmund – Lars Ricken (7th), Joerg
Heinrich (37th), Stephane Chapuisat

In Istanbul: Fenerbahce (Turkey) 0. Juventus (Italy) 1 (0-1). Scorer: Juventus – Alen Boksic (21st minute).

in Trondheim: Rosenborg (Norway) 1, AC Millan (Italy) 4 (1-3). Scorers: Rosenborg - Trond Egil Soltvedt (15th). AC Millan - Marco Simone (8th, 23rd, 25th), George Weah (55th).

in Oporto: Porto (Portugal) 2. Gothenburg (Sweden) 1 (1-0). Scaters: Porto - Artur Oliveira (27th, 51st).

(32nd, 60th), Kiko (61st).

United cruises to

comfortable win

Hapoel Jerusalem pummels Racing Paris, 80-74

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THE last time Racing Paris saw Jerusalem, it was on the wrong end of an Adi Gordon overtime jump shot that clinched a 92-91 victory for Jerusalem in 1991. Last night it was teammate Dan Bingheimer who supplied the late heroics, as coach Pini Gershon's club solidified its position in its group with an 80-74 triumph over the undermanued French squad.

The victory gave Jerusalem a 2-0 record in its group, and a good chance to advance to the

good chance to advance to the next round in the tournament. Racing Paris coach Chris Singleton could be excused for seeing triple at the end of the first half. In one of its most potent offensive displays ever, Hapoel hit seven of 11 three-pointers in the stanza to take a 56-42 lead, led by Bingheimer, who had two in the first 2;20 of play.

That's when he and Racing's Richard Dacoury - the 37-yearold former Limoges star familjar to Maccabi Tel Aviv fans were having a personal shootout, with the wily Frenchman hitting his club's first 10 points vs. Bingheimer's

However, while Dacoury was supplying all of his team's offense early, Hapoel had other weapons in its arsenal, and three-pointers by Motti Daniel, Papi Turgeman and Doron Shefa in quick succession boosted Jerusalem to an early 27-22

After Shefa scored again to give Jerusalem a 33-24 advantage, the game suddenly shifted when Dacoury was called for a flagrant foul and then tossed out with just over seven minutes left, for getting overly physical with Hapoel's Pini Levy under the boards.

Dacoury hurt the French badly, while Levy, having already disposed of Dacoury, also had some fine baskets underneath and two superb passes, the second setting up Billy Thompson for a dunk underneath that made it 45-28 with four minutes left.

Thompson and Bingheimer, Jerusalem controlled the boards 13-6, despite the presence of former NBA player J.R. Reid, helpbuige.

every right to wonder what happened in the second half. Apparently tired after having to play its fourth game in less than two weeks, coach Pini Gershon's club seemed to wilt in the second stanza as Racing Paris - playing without injured former Laker guard Sedale Threatt and two other starters - put up a fight

Reserve guard Arsen Ade Mensah also contributed, hitting a three-pointer and then another shot before a long bomb by Risacher suddenly brought the French back from the dead at 73-72, with 2:30 left,

jumpstarted them again, scoring inside and then taking a pass from Turgeman to stretch the lead to 78-74. A tired Risacher missed two key foul shots, and Thompson took a pass from Daniel for a thunderous dunk to send the fans home happy.

nights

had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Papi Turgeman had six assists on the night. Reid had 16 for the

Cards capture NL Central Division title

PITTSBURGH (AP) - The St. Louis Cardinals began the 1996 season with a new owner, manager, cleanup hitter and closer. They're ending it with a brandnew title: National League Central champions.

Ray Lankford's bases-loaded single drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh following Gary

TUESDAY'S NL RESULTS: Florida 12, Atlanta 1 St. Louis 7, Pittsburgh J New York 4, Houston 0 Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3 Montreal 6, Philadelphia 2 Los Angeles 6, San Francisco 2 Colorado 5, San Diego 4 (11) TUESDAY'S AL RESULTS: Texas 7, Oakland 3 Milwaukee at New York (ppd, rain) Cleveland 7, Minnesota 5 Chicago 3, Kansas City 2 ito 4, Detroit 1 Boston 13. Baltimore 8 California 11, Seattle 6

Gaetti's tying homer and the 1969. Cardinals clinched their first St. division title since 1987 by beating Pittsburgh 7-1 Tuesday

pionship for new Cardinals manager Tony La Russa - his first in the NL - and St. Louis's fifth since divisional play began in

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race, stopping a four-game losing streak by beating Philadelphia behind Rondell White's two-run St. Louis, the fifth team in 12 years to clinch a division title in Three Rivers Stadium, was shut double. out for six innings by Esteban Loaiza (1-3) but tied it on Gaetti's WILD CARD GLANCE

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CHICAGO (4) - HOME (1): Sept. 25,
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and David Beckham. The English side, outclassed in their opening Champions' League Group C match against Juventus two weeks ago, enjoyed almost total domination in the opening period against the lackluster Austrians but eased up after going two goals clear. Norwegian Solskjaer opened the scoring in the 20th minute when he

slid in a low right wing cross from Roy Keane at the far post. Seven minutes later Beckham made it two when he took advantage of a poor back pass by Krzystof Ratajczyk, scoring on his second attempt.

Group A in Glasgow: Glasgow Rangers (Scotland) 1, Auxerre (France) 2 (0-0). Scorers: Glasgow Rangers — Paul Gascoigne (71st). Auxerre — Thomas Denlaud (54th, 68th).

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Tyson gives up WBC title

TOTOWA, New Jersey (AP) -Mike Tyson has relinquished his WBC heavyweight championship rather than face No. 1 contender Lennox Lewis, promoters Dino Duva and Panos Eliades said.

Meanwhile, the WBC said Tuesday from Mexico City that its board of governors is still voting to determine whether it will accept Tyson's decision to give up the title. The organization said 26 of 32 votes have been received and are in favor of accepting Tyson's request.

Eliades and Duva, who co-promote Lewis, and the WBC said a purse bid for a championship fight between Lewis and No. 2 contender Oliver McCall will be held today in Mexico City. Tyson had an agreement to give

up the WBC title as soon as he stopped Bruce Seldon to win the WBA championship earlier this month. That was one of the terms of a binding contract signed by both sides.

Tyson and promoter Don King agreed to give up the WBC title as part of a deal in which Lewis also accepted a \$4 million compensation payment to step aside.

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However, Jerusalem fans have worthy of the French Foreign Legion.

Led by forward Richard Risacher (23 points, 13 in the second half) and outstanding point guard Laurent Sciarra, the French tightened up their defense and watched Jerusalem fritter away the lead. Two quick threes by reserve Frank Meriguet got them within eight, while Reid and Risacher controlled the boards. Meanwhile, Hapoel's powder went dry, with no one able to hit a shot, least of all Shefa, who misfired several times to put Racing back in the race.

But Bingheimer, who got the club started in the first half,

Still, despite the victory, Gershon has to be concerned about the second half collapse. Hapoel will have to get used to the extra burden of European play and improve its conditioning, or endure more nailbiting

Bingheimer led Jerusalem with 26 and while Thompson

SCOREBOARD

SOCCER - English League Cup
(Xesterday's second round, second leg,
results): Chelsea 1, Blackpool 3
(Chelsea advances 5-4); Derby 2,
Luton 2 (Luton advances 3-2);
Leicester 2, Scarborough 1 (Leicester
advances 4-1); Peterborough 1,
Southampton 4 (Southampton
advances 6-1); Portsmouth 1,
Wimbledon 1 (Wimbledon advances 21); Queens Park Rangers 1, Swindon 3
(Swindon advances 4-3); Tottenham 3,
Yreston 0 (Tottenham advance 4-1);
West Ham 1, Barnet 0 (West Ham
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CRITIC'S CHOICE

CLASSICAL MUSIC

MICHAEL AIZENSTADT

SERGEI Hanukaev leads the Symphony Jerusalem Orchestra in a concert today (1) at the Henry Crown Symphony Hall in Jerusalem playing the suite Rome by Bizet, and Mordechai Seter's Hagut while
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Svetiana Sandler sings arias by Handel, Tchaikovsky and Verdi.

Tomorrow (11 a.m.) at the Ticho House annex of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, cellist Alexander Sinielníkov, violinist Yuri Glukhovsky and pianist Gabriela Talrose play trios by Brahms and Mendelssohn. Saturday (8:30) soloists of the International Biblical Orchestra

Hallelujah perform at the Bible Lands Museum Jerusalem music by Bach, Handel and Vivaldi. Wine and cheese are served at 8.

Harpsichordist Zvi Meniker plays Bach's Goldberg Variations Saturday (8:30) at the Jerusalem Music Center as part of the annual Early Music Workshop.

The Haifa Symphony Orchestra helps celebrate the Haifa Film Festival with musical selections from Star Wars, Gone with the Wind, Exodus, Lawrence of Arabia, Dr. Zhivago, E.T., Indiana Jones and others. While the orchestra plays, excerpts from the films will be projected on huge screens. Saturday (8:30) at the Haifa Auditorium.

OPERA

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

RON Weidberg's Metamorphosis, based on Kafka's short story, features in the Acre Theater Fringe Festival. Performed by the Musica Nova Ensemble and with a gallery of singing actors, it will be staged Saturday (8), Sunday (4 and 8), Monday (4 and 8) and Tuesday (8).

HAIFA FILM FESTIVAL

ADINA HOFFMAN

GREGORY La Cava's Stage Door (1937) features Katharine Hepburn, Ginger Rogers, Eve Arden, a young Lucille Ball and many others as theatrical hopefuls who board together at New York's Footlights Club and pass the time between

The Haifa Film Festival features Katharine Hepburn in 'Stage Door.'

auditions lolling in the parlor and trading catty jibes. One of the director's better-known films, its spiked dialogue and spontaneous performances still seem remarkably fresh today, and its combination of supple wit and looming sadness serve as a fine introduction to La Cava's work, which is featured in a special retrospective at this year's festival. (Saturday 9:30 p.m., Haifa Cinematheque)

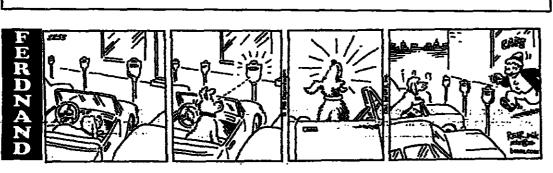
Spanish director Alejandro Amenabar's Thesis is a black but lively thriller about a Madrid student whose academic research on Violence in the Cinema becomes life-threatening when she uncovers a ring of snuff- filmmakers shooting their murderous movies at her very own university. While its dark commentary on voyeurism and movie-gore rings a little disingenuous, considering the thrill-and-chill techniques that Amenabar himself appropriates with such apparent glee, the picture is fun in a twisted way.

If anything, it serves as an ironic stab at the academy and the distance that film theorists often try to maintain between their ideas and their gut reactions. (Saturday, 11 p.m., Haifa Cinematheque)

MICHAEL AJZENSTADT

TELEVISION

DANCE buffs can enjoy the televised version of Inta Umri ("You Are My Life"), the dance work of Liat Dror and Nir Ben Gal performed by their own company and danced to the music of legendary Arab singer Umm Kulthum, tomorrow (10:30 p.m.) and Saturday (4) on the Discovery Channel. An hour earlier there is a special program about Umm Kulthum herself.



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ACROSS

1 Lady's lover is a dandy

6 Master goes round a sombre Jewish fortress (6) 9 He's panting for a smoke

10 Cantankerous agent turns to poetry (8)

11 Bearing the cost of conveyance (8) 12 Hard-tipped shaft to break

up the soil (6) 13 Painter Wins parliamentary seat (12)

16 The chairman is clearly in the drink! (3,9)

19 It's a blooming river (6) 21 Naive pilot is a little sucker

23 Vermeer composition holds appeal for all time (8) 24 Do I have to be energetic?

> 25 The crunch comes when councillor leads a double

> 26 Sir Nigel ordered white wine (8)

DOWN 2 A graduate judo expert in

Iran (6) 3 Prank could get one in a

pickle (5) 4 Fat fish found in salt-water environment (9)

5 Claws young children (7) 6 Put a blight on church parade (5)

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Hades (8) 13 Charity proves that virtue is effective (4,5)

14 Generally it's no set-back to reveal one's birthday (2.7)

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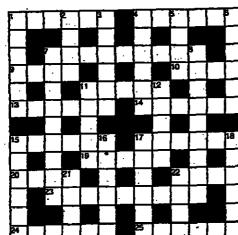
22 Nathan covers a large area of South Africa (5)

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6:30 News in Arabic 6:45 Exercise Hour 7:00 Good Morning Israel

EDUCATIONAL TV

8:00 At the Cutting Edge of Science 8:30 Family Relations 9:00 Looking at Arithmetic 9:25 Learning to Read 9:45 Programs for young children 10:15 Around the Globe 10:30 Literature 11:00 Mathematics 11:10 French 11:30 Life Sciences 12:00 Diving in the Red Sea 12:30 Arts 13:00 Onedin Line 14:00 Surprise Train 14:25 Kitty Cat and Tommy 14:45 Gaya, Gal and Gili 15:00 Autoto

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13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Super 13:00 Make a Wish 13:30 Super Duper 14:00 Echo Point 14:30 Tick Tack 15:00 Clipop 16:00 The Bold and the Beautifut 17:00 News magazine with Rafi Reshef 17:30 Open Cards 18:00 Santa Barbara 19:00 Baywatch 20:00 News 20:30 Money Magazine 20:50 Some of the world's inspirate commercials 21:40 Dec funniest commercials 21:40 Dar Shillon Live 23:15 Exposure - weekly program on different aspects of Israeli society presented by Micha Limor 00:00 News 00:05 Ticket for Two 00:30 Fleids of Fire 1:30 From the Concert Hall 2:00 On the Edge of the

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16:15 The Fruit of Knowledge 17:15 Science and Technology 18:00 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30 Amores 19:00 News in Arabic 19:30
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15:30 Butterfly Island 16:00 Stories from Life 16:25 Son of the Magician 16:30 Mom was Never a Teenager 17:05 Before Induction 17:35 Explore 18:00 Destinos 18:30 Art Workshop 19:00 Faces of Culture 19:30 Point of View 20:00 A More Figure 19:30 Point ON A More F View 20:00 A New Evening, with Russian subtitles 20:30 Family Album 21:00 Star Trek: The Next Generation 21:45 Pop Songs 22:00 Seventy Faces 22:30 Equinox – science

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8:00 Sisters (rpt) 9:00 One Life to Live (rpt) 9:45 The Young and the Restless (rpt) 10:30 Days of Our Lives (rpt) 11:20 Perla Negra (rpt) 12:10 Neighbors (rpt) 12:35 Dallas (rpt) 13:30 Starting at 1:30 14:05 Sweet Justice 14:55 Sisters 15:50 Days of Our Lives 16:40 Neighbors 17:10 Dallas 18:00 One Life to Live 18:45 The Young and the Restless 19:30 Local broadcast 20:00 Perla Negra 20:50 Baywatch Nights 21:40 Renegade 22:30 The New Untouchables - suspense 23:20 Frasier 23:45 Metrose Place 00:30 Models Inc. 1:20 Hill Street Blues 2:10 Return to Eden 3:00 Medicine Ball - drama 3:45 ENG - newsroom

MOVIE CHANNEL (4)

11:30 Night Mare (1991) (rpt) 13:05 Slightly Honorable (1939) - a lawyer accused of murder by a corrupt politician sets out to clear his name. With Pat O'Brien (85 mins.) 14:35 Whose Line Is This Anyway? 15:05 A
Change of Place (1994) (rpt) 16:35
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mins.) 2:55 The Fabulous Baker Boys (1989) - two brothers find their lounge act, and their relationship, changing when they are joined by a sexy singer (rpt)

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6:30 Cartoons 9:05 Simba the King of the Jungle 9:30 Power Rangers 9:55 Little University – Inventors 10:25 Welcome Freshmen 10:55 Saved by the Bell 11:30 Lucifer 12:00 Chiquitias 12:45 The Chipmunks Chiquititas 12:45 The Chipmunks 13:00 Surprise Garden 13:20 The Muddies 14:05 Robinson Sucroe 14:35 The Milky Way 15:00 Power Rangers 15:30 Little University Special 15:55 The Ren and Stimpy Show 16:15 Real Monsters 16:40 Rocko's Modern Life 17:00 Animal Park 17:30 Chiquititas 18:15 Little Dracula 18:40 Make-Believe Closet 19:00 Blinky Bill 19:30 Three's Company 20:00 Married with Children 20:25 Roseanne 20:50 The Ren and Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake Stimpy Show 21:05 Big Brother Jake 21:30 Look Who's Talking

■ SECOND SHOWING (6)

22:00 Boy Meets Girl (French, 1984)

- black-and-white drama of two
young people, each of whom has left
their partner, who meet one night in
Paris. (99 mins.) 23:45 The Wishing
Tree (Georgian, 1976) — in a
Georgian village at the turn of the
century, a girl is forced to leave the
man she loves and many a wealthy
old man. (89 mins.)

■ DISCOVERY (8)

6:00 Open University 12:00 Cousteau (rpt) 13:00 The Secret of Inner Happiness (rpt) 14:30 Open University 16:30 Cousteau (rpt) 17:30 The Secret of Inner Happiness (rpt) 19:00 Open University 21:00 Telescope 21:30 Wonders of Weather 22:00 King Priam - roofen Weather 22:00 King Priam - modern opera performed by the Kent Opera House 00:30 African Memories 1:00 Open University

SUPER CHANNEL

6:00 The Ticket 6:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 7:00 Today 10:00
European Money Wheel 14:30 Wall
Street Morning Reports 15:00
MSNBC - The Site 17:00 National
Geographic 18:00 Executive
Lifestyles 18:30 The Ticket 19:00 The Selina Scott Show 20:00 Dateline 21:00 Baseball 22:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 23:00 Late Night with Conan O'Brien 00:00 Later with Greg Kinnear 00:30 NBC News with Tom Brokaw 1:00 The Tonight Show with Jay Leno 2:00 MSNBC Internight

STAR PLUS

6:00 Mr. Belvedere 6:30 Today's Gournets 7:00 E! TV 7:30 Gabrielle 8:30 Santa Barbara 9:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 10:00 Oprah Winfrey 11:00 Remington Steele 12:00 Today's Gournets 12:30 El TV 13:00 Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 13:30 Black Beauty 14:00 Lost in Space 15:00 Home and Away 15:30 Charles in Charge 16:00 M*A*S*H 16:30 21 Jump Street 17:30 The X-Files 18:30 The Bold and the Beautiful 19:00 Santa Barbara 20:00 The Twilight Zone 20:30 Beverly Hills 90210 21:30 The Fall Guy 22:30 El TV .23:00 Oprah .Winfrey 00:00 Hooperman 00:30 Home and Away . 1:00 The Sullivans 1:30 Gabrielle

E CHANNEL 5

6:30 Bodies in Motion 7:30 Basic Training 16:00 Bodies in Motion 16:30 Dangerous Games 17:00 Soccer: League of Champions (rpt) 18:30 NFL Football 19:30 Women's Volleyball 21:00 Boxing 22:00 Spanish League Soccer 23:30 To be announced **■ EUROSPORT**

8:30 Cycling from Spain (rpt) 9:00 Horse Racing: Belgian Champlonships (rpt) 10:00 Triathlon: British pro tour 11:00 Motor Sports Magazine 12:00 International Motor Sports Magazine 13:00 Formula 1 Magazine 13:30 Motorcycling Magazine 14:00 Mountain Bikes 15:00 Cycling from Spain - live 16:30

Olympic Magazine 17:00 Tennis: ATP tournament, Switzerland - live 22:00 Soccer: European Cup of Champions 00:00 Sailing Magazine 00:30 Cycling from Spain (rpt)

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6:00 Water Sports Magazine 6:30 Golf: European Tour 7:30 Cricket: Britannic Assurance Championship 13:30 Asia Sport Show 14:30 Chinese League Soccer 14:30 WWF Action Zone 15:30 Basketball: Men's Action Zone 15:30 Basketbalf: Men's Junior Championships 1996 — final 17:00 Gillette Sports World 17:30 Car Racing: Spark 18:30 Futbol Mondial 19:00 PGA Golf 20:30 Spanish Soccer 21:00 WWF Action Zone 22:00 PGA Golf 23:00 Australian Rules Soccer 00:00 Asia Sport Show 00:30 Futbol Mondial 1:00 International Sport Magazine 2:00 Basketbalf: Men's Junior Championships 1996 — final

BBC WORLD

News on the hour \$:05 Timewatch (rpt) 10:30 The Clothes Show (rpt) 11:30 Jeremy Clarkson's Motorworld (rpt) 14:05 Horizon (rpt) 15:15 World Business Report 15:30 Asia-Pacific Newshour 16:30 The Fat Man In France (rpt) 17:05 White Heat (rpt) 18:30 Famborough Aerial Show (rpt) 19:00 World News 21:05 Correspondent 22:30 Tomorrow's World 23:00 World News and Business Report

CNN INTERNATIONAL

News throughout the day 6:30 Inside Politics 7:30 Moneyline (rpt) 8:30 World Sport 9:30 Showbiz Today 10:30 CNN Newsroom 11:30 World Report 12:00 Business Day 13:00 Accord News 13:30 World Report 12:00 Business Day 13:00 Asian News 13:30 World Sport 14:00 Asian News 14:30 Business 14:00 Asian News 14:30 Business Asia 15:00 Larry King Live 16:30 World Sport (rpt) 17:30 World Report 18:30 Q&A 20:00 World Business Today 20:30 CNN World News 21:00 Larry King (rpt) 22:00 European News 23:00 World Business Today 23:30 World Sport 00:00 World News 13:00 Moratine News 1 1:30 Moneyline 2:00 Headline News

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RADIO

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6:06 Morning Concert 9:05 Ben-Haim: 5 Pieces op 34; Stamitz: Clarinet concerto in F; Bach: Partita no 3 for violin solo; Mozart Piano concerto no 6; Schumann: String quartet op 41/1; Brahms: Double concerto op 102; Verdl: excerpts from Aida 12:00 Noon with Gideon Hod - familiar music and quiz 13:00 Open Studio live broadcast from Henry Crown Auditorium, Jerusalem. Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra-IBA cond. Sergei Hanukayev, with Svetlana Sandler (soprano). Purcell: Aria from Dido and Aeneas; Verdi: Aria from Un ballo in maschera; Tchalkovsky: Aria from Pique Dame; Bizet: Rome suite 15:00 Voice of Music magazine 16:00 Bach: 3 Chorales and Choral Preludes from Leipzig Codex; Haydn: Piano trio no 44 in E Hob.29/15; Mozart: Quintet for clarinet and strings K581; Schumann: Sonata for violin and piano on 121: Debusso: Eetes no on 121. De lantes song cycle 18:00 New CDs -Beethoven: Octet in E flat for winds op 103, Symphony no 7 am for wind ensemble; Schumann: Kreisleriana fanlasy excerpts for piano; Julius Reubke (1834-1858): Sonata in B flat Reubke (1834-1858): Sonata in 8 flat minor for piano 20:05 From the Recording Studio - Iris Sivan' Zvi Zemel (piano). Alban Berg: 6 Songs; Aharon Harlap: 3 Songs; Debussy: Chansons de Billitis. Debussy: La boite à joujoux ar for winds and piano (Berman, Epstein, Hadash, Eilon, Levy) 21:00 Clouds, Celebrations and Sirens 23:00 The Art of the Song

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IAF planes blast Hizbullah targets north of zone

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IAF warplanes blasted Hizbullah targets north of the security zone yesterday, as the committee monitoring the Operation Grapes of Wrath understandings concluded discussions on the recent wave of fighting in south Lebanon.

The five-nation committee, composed of representatives from the US. France, Israel, Syria and Lebanon, issued a joint statement after its three-day session last night, calling on all the sides to avoid endangering civilians.

Earlier, while the committee was still meeting at UNIFIL's headquarters in Nakoura, Hizbullah gunmen fired light weapons at a South Lebanese Army position in the Rehan area, in zone's eastern sector. There were no casualties in the mortar attack, and IDF and SLA gunners returned fire.

About an hour later, IAF warplanes went into action against Hizbullah targets in the J'bal Saffi area, north of the zone.

The IDF Spokesman said raid was carried out as a result of terrorist activity in the area, such as the long-range attack earlier on the SLA outpost.

The spokesman said the target hit was used as a firing position by the terrorists. The pilots reported accurate hits and all the planes returned safely to their

bases, the statement said. Reports from Lebanon said warplanes fired four missiles at targets near Louwaizeh village. There were no immediate reports of any casualties.

The raid yesterday followed two separate air strikes against Hizbullah targets in the I'bal Saffi area during fierce exchanges last Thursday, after a clash in which two IDF soldiers were killed and eight others wounded.

Four Hizbullah gunmen were killed and several others reported wounded in the same encounter.

Warplanes struck again at targets in the same region on Saturday following a Hizbullah Sagger anti-tank missile attack on an IDF mechanized patrol in which an officer was lightly

Yesterday, the Grapes of Wrath monitoring committee concluded its discussions which began on Sunday into complaints lodged by Israel and Lebanon over breaches of the understandings during last Thursday's fighting.

The committee also discussed additional complaints from Lebanon over two IDF smoke rounds which hit Arab Salim village during exchanges on Tuesday. Lebanon also complained about the expulsion of two families from the security zone. Israel is to give its response to this matter at a later date.

Israel charged that Hizbullah had breached the understandings first by firing from inside villages and that the IDF's return fire at the source of the shooting was in self-defense.

In its agreed statement, the committee acknowledged the fact that firing from inside and into villages did endanger civilians and should be avoided as much as possible.

The committee called on all the sides to refrain from undisciplined firing which endangered civilians directly or indirectly and to show restraint in military operations in the proximity of residential areas.

Meanwhile, the Golani Brigade, as part of its summer training, staged a routine exercise on the Golan Heights with the armor, artillery and engineers corps.

Part of the exercise was to examine the capabilities and preparedness of the brigade in a defensive battle on the Golan. At the end of the exercise, the brigade returned to its base.



Defense Minister Yitzhak Mordechai (center) shakes the hand of reserve battalion commander Moshe Bruckenthal, as his brother, reserve brigade commander Meir Bruckenthal, looks on, at a ceremony held at the Defense Ministry in Tel Aviv last night to honor

Kurds in Israel threatened with prosecution for visiting homeland

THE Kurdish community in Israel has been asked to refrain from visiting Kurdistan and any Israeli who travels there faces prosecution, members of the community said.

The warning came from Brig-Gen. Yigal Pressler, the prime minister's adviser on terrorism. At least five Israeli citizens were in the Kurdish capital of Irbil during the Iraqi-backed invasion earlier this month. All managed to slip away without being captured and have

> Security sources say that while this time the visits to ancestral homelands ended without mishap, these trips to enemy countries are

very dangerous.
"Traveling to this part of the

world by Israeli citizens is forbidden and dangerous at a normal time, but even more so today when there is a war going on and Iraqi troops are there," Pressler said.

Earlier this year, Pressler requested leaders of the Kurdish communities in Israel urge their people not to visit Kurdistan. Israelis started trickling to Kurdistan, which is spread out among five countries, following the Gulf war, when Iraqi forces were barred by the allies from northern Iraq.

The area has been torn by civil war among rival Kurdish groups, but was recently overrun by the Iraqi army. Shalom Khamami,

chairman of the Iranian-Kurdish Descendants Organization, said he and other leaders in the Kurdish Jewish communities in Israel participated in a meeting with Pressler a few months ago.

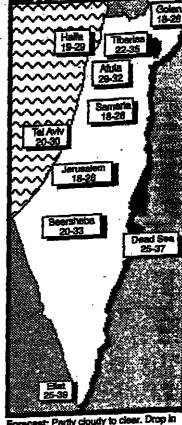
"Pressler asked us to discourage our people from traveling to Kurdistan. He told us, and rightly so, to do it quietly so that there was no panic, and we did," Khamami said. He said the word was put out at synagogues and in the Kurdish communities to refrain from traveling there, and that a lot of people heeded the warning

Khamami said the Kurds were an unpredictable lot and could just as

easily hold an Israeli visitor hostage as they would open their house to him. He said there were virtually no Jews left in Kurdistan and that Israelis visiting the region were either middle aged Kurds who wanted to return to their childhood villages, or the young who sought adventure in the land of their grandparents.

The route to Kurdistan is through Turkey and is hardly patrolled since no Iraqi forces are allowed in the semiautonomous region. People can pass through with ease, Khamami said.

Pressler has called on the police to prosecute any Kurdish immi-grant who embarks on such a dangerous and illegal tour.



Winning cards

IN yesterday's daily Chance drawing, the winning cards w. 3 the 10 of spades, the 10 of hear the eight of diamonds and nine of clubs.

Nimrodi's trial begins and then

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THE lawyers in the trial of Ma'eriv publisher Ofer Nimrodi and the daily's security officer David Ronen refrained from preserting pre-trial motions in Tel ... viv Magistrates' Court yesterday on the grounds that it still was not decided if wiretapping cellular phones is a

criminal offense. Acting for Nimrodi and Ronen who are charged with counts of commissioning wiretaps on phones. cellular phones and faxes of senior Yediot Aharonot personnel and others - lawyers Dan Avi Yitzhak. Yehuda Weinstein and Uri Wagman. petitioned the High Court of Justice last week to postpone the trial. Their main argument was that they still have not received from the Dismet 'ttomey's Office all relevant presdution evidence, including tapes. files and other testimonies, such as evidence of private investigator Raff Friedan, who is charged with carrying out the wiretapping.

were not prepared to begin the trial yesterday as scheduled with the testimonies of prosecution wimesses since they have not received the investigation material regarding senior Yediot personnel, who were recently questioned under caution on suspicion of commissioning wiretaps.

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Evidence given by Yediot publisher Noni Mozes, the daily's security officer Haim Rosenberg and private investigator Zeev Laufer (who has testified to police against them) is relevant to Nimrodi's trial, the lawyers said. They are expected to accuse Yedion of executing many of the offenses with which Nimrodi and Ronen are charged. The absence of such evidence will severely damage the defense, the lawyers said.

The High Court and the defense reached a compromise on Tuesday whereby the trial would go ahead yesterday, but without the prosecution witnesses and that the defense would give its pre-trial motions.

Weinstein said in court he has asked State Attorney Edna Arbel to set a ruling on cellular phone wirecapping, following a Magistrates' Court judge's recent decision which acquitted a defendant on such charges Several charges against Nimrodi and Ronen pertain to commissioning the bugging of cellular phones, and the defense wish to prove that these are not criminal offenses. Defense lawyers also wish to obtain a ruling whether fax-bugging comes under the same category as cellular phones.

The next hearing in the trial was set for October 28.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Foreign workers set up churches sprung up in Israel, especially in the Tel Aviv area,

to serve foreign workers, according to Uri Mor, director of the Religious Affairs Ministry's department for Christian communities.

Mor said many of the churches have been set up in shops, warehouses or storerooms rented by the communities involved. The ministry becomes aware of these churches when its leaders ask for visas, he said. Among the most prominent groups are Pentecostalists from Nigeria and Ghana and other Protestants from the Philippines and Korea, Haim Shapiro

Israel and Jordan to seek

investors in joint Cairo projects Israel and Jordan will seek private investors for 13 different joint projects in the Jordan Valley and Arava border areas at the Cairo economic conference in November, the Israeli-Jordanian steering committee announced yesterday.

The projects mainly involve increasing tourism and advancing agriculture. The committee will finalize the project list at a meeting in October. At future meetings, it will address water and environmental problems.

Lunar eclipse tonight A full lunar eclipse will be visible tonight, Yigal

Pat-el, head of the Israeli Astronomy Association, announced yesterday. The eclipse will begin at 2:15 a.m. when the moon passes through the Earth's shadow. The moon will appear reddish at 4:21 a.m. as it is lit by rays from the sun coming around the Earth. The eclipse will reach its peak at

Dirani has detention extended

Eighteen Lebanese security detainees, including Mustafa Dirani, who reportedly sold navigator Ron Arad to Iranians, were brought before Tel Aviv District Court yesterday to have their

In the behind-closed-doors session, the judge rejected a request by the detainees' lawyer that the censorship on the case be partially lifted. Senior IDF officials testified before the court as to the reasons the 18 must be held. According to media reports, Israel abducted the detainees. Itim

Horev hearing postponed

A hearing on two bereaved parents' request that Col. Moni Horev be suspended as head of the IDF Officers' Training School was postponed for the fourth time yesterday, when Supreme Court Justice Dalia Dorner decided that since the petition against Horev's appointment will be heard on October 27, this panel might as well discuss their request for an interim injunction against his continued tenure as well. The petition was filed by Masond and Aliza Shoshan, whose son Yanai was killed in an army training accident two years ago. Horev, who was Yanai's brigade commander, was indicted for negligence leading to the death. Evelyn Gordon

Immigrant tax break rules revised

The reduction in purchase taxes for new immigrants who buy houses has been partially canceled for houses worth more than NIS 900,000. Previously, immigrants paid a tax of only 0.5% instead of 4.5%, no matter how expensive a house they bought. Under new rules approved by the Knesset Finance Committee yesterday, however, immigrants will pay the full 4.5% on that portion of the purchase price which exceeds NIS 900,000. Evelyn Gordon

Tichon begins Hong Kong visit Knesset Speaker Dan Tichon began a two-day

official visit yesterday to Hong Kong, where he is scheduled to meet with senior Chinese officials in the British colony. The visit will deal mainly with economic issues, but Tichon is expected to meet with Zhou Nan, director of the official Chinese delegation in Hong Kong. Tichon will visit the local stock exchange and meet with trade officials. Liat Collins

SIX former Discount Bank senior employees were convicted of stock Aviv District Court Judge Amnon Strashnov yesterday.

Private investor and businessman Michael Oron and his daughter Rinat were acquitted on all The six are: consultation manag-

Ofer Heldstein; David Weinman, broker at the bank's llanot Discount investment company; Ilanot dealer Efraim Kochinsky; Mordechai Merkado. who oversaw the bank's transactions at the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange; Ehud Ya'acov, Merkado's deputy; and investor Arye Adler, who joined the others in manipulating stocks for personal profits. The six said they would appeal the conviction.

An additional Discount Bank employee, Yitzhak Cohen, who turned prosecution witness. already was sentenced and is serv-

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All of the defendants were arrested in 1994 by Securities Authority investigators. They were accused of conspiring to and carrying out stock manipulation, netting personal profits of millions of shekels. They were also accused of fraud and breach of trust.

During the trial, Strashnov accused the defendants of "playing innocent" and pretending not to understand the charges despite their former status and sophistication. "Some of the defendants underestimated their own intelligence to such an extent that it is difficult to understand how they were appointed to such senior positions at the bank," Strashnov said in convicting them.

The defendants had maintained their innocence, arguing that there was no criminal intent in their actions and that they did not reap

personal gain or profit. However, Strashnov found them guilty on all

The prosecution had argued that

the conspiracy to defraud the stock investing public by abusing their lofty positions was a carefully planned and sophisticated scam. The gang, the prosecution said, bought certain shares using personal bank accounts and their knowledge of the Stock Exchange. They then artificially raised the shares by creating a demand and sold them to Discount Bank

Heldstein kept up to 40 percent of the profits, and the rest were divided between the others involved. Some NIS 5 million in profits were reaped, the prosecution argued. Some of the defendants had confessed to the offenses during questioning, but changed their stance in court.

Pre-sentencing arguments will be heard next month.

Court reinstates some of fraudster's prison rights

CONVICTED fraudster Avi Golan had some of his privileges reinstated by a Tel Aviv District Court judge yesterday. The Prisons Service had repealed them after Golan, serving a 10-yearsentence, gave two newspaper interviews.

Golan, who lost an appeal to the Supreme Court two years ago to allow him to write a weekly column for an Ashdod paper, was interviewed this year while working outside prison as part of a rehabilitation program.

The Prisons Service had forbidden him from being interviewed,

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but Golan went ahead, arguing that he talked to the press while he was outside the prison. In his interviews, he slammed prison conditions. Golan also accused the Prisons Service of allowing gangsters serving sentences to actually run the prison.

He was disciplined, put in solitary confinement for two weeks, banned from furloughs for two months and taken off the rehabilitation program. In yesterday's appeal to the dis-

trict court, via Association for

Civil Rights in Israel lawyer Dan Yakir, he asked Judge Avraham Baiser to overturn the Prisons Service punishment.

Baiser canceled the Prisons Service decision to take away Golan's furlough rights and ruled that the prisoner be returned to the rehabilitation program. The pun-ishment handed out by the Prisons Service was too harsh, said Baiser.

Four years ago, Golan failed to return from a furlough, and went on a spending spree using forged checks worth tens of thousands of shekels to buy gold jewelry.



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